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- A. How long have you known the nominee?
- B. In what capacity have you observed his service?
- C. What do you perceive to be the nominee's spiritual gifts?
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II. BIBLICAL CHARACTER AND COMMITMENTS: (The Session of Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church has considered the Biblical qualifications for church officers set forth in I Timothy 3 and Titus 1 by delineating the 12 areas in which a nominee should model maturity in order to be nominated and elected to church office.)

I attest that he has been a member of Christ Covenant Church for at least 24 months (I Tim. 3:6,10 and 4:12).

I attest to the basis of his assurance of salvation (I Tim. 3:9; Titus 1:9).

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> Elder: A convert and member of an evangelical church for at least 5 years and normally at least 30 years old at ordination or installation.

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I attest to involvement in one or more ministries of the church in which he has exhibited both gifted and servant leadership in areas such as small groups, evangelism, compassion, discipleship, teaching or music (I Tim. 3:10; 4:12).

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