# The Candidate for Ministry Application Classis of Holland, RCA

*This form is to be completed by applicant and presented to the consistory and to the Classis committee.*

*The entire application is to be submitted to the Classis as an electronic document.*

1. Biographical Information

Name:

Date of Birth: Male\_\_\_ Female\_\_\_

Birthplace:

Main Address:

School Residence Address (if different):

Phone Number/s: Email Address:

Marital Status: Single\_\_\_ Married\_\_\_ Divorced\_\_\_\_ Widowed\_\_\_

Name of Spouse:

Children (first name and age):

Health: Any issues you would like the committee to know?

1. Education

High School: Graduation Date:

College/s: Dates:

Major: Minor: Graduation Date:

Other Formal Education: Dates:

1. Employment List two most recent employment experiences  
   Name of employer: Nature of employment: Dates:
2. Military Status Have you served in the armed forces?

If yes, which branch? When? What is your current status?

1. Church Relationship

Church of which you are currently a member:

Church where you made profession of faith in Jesus Christ:

Age and place of baptism:

Have you been ordained to a church office? If yes, please specify:

Describe your involvement as a church member and indicate which areas of ministry you found most satisfying or fulfilling.

1. Seminary Plans

Name of seminary in which you are enrolled or intending to enroll:

If the seminary is not an RCA seminary, please provide address (Postal and/or email) and state the reason/s for your choice.

Expected graduation month/year:

**Essay Section**  *Please attach typewritten statements for questions 7, 8 and 9.*

1. References Please provide the names, addresses, and phone numbers of three persons who could be called on for reference:
2. Autobiographical Sketch (limit 5 pages maximum. 2-3 pages are preferred)

In order for the committee to gain an understanding of you, please reflect on your life and share with us who you are and what is important to you. Provide a brief sketch of your life history. This sketch could include family background; your current life situation; persons, events, ideas, or values which are significant in your life; goals, hopes, strengths and weaknesses you may have; and other information about you as a person you would like the committee to know. Please be certain to identify the influences that have lead you to become a Christian and a statement on what Christ mean to you now?

{If you are married,} what is your spouse’s response to your decision to go into the ministry?

1. Views of Ministry (limit 1-2 pages)  
   Please respond to the following questions:

* 1. How do you experience the call to ministry?
  2. What gifts do you believe you have for the ministry?
  3. How have these gifts already begun to bear fruit for Christ and his church?
  4. What form of ministry are you intending to pursue (i.e. pastorate, chaplaincy, education, administration)? What do you perceive as the important tasks a minister performs in   
     this form of ministry?

*I promise, in reliance on the grace of God, to be diligent and faithful in making full preparation for Christ’s ministry. I also promise to submit to the supervision of Classis of Holland in matters that pertain to preparation.*

Applicant’s Signature (typed is fined):

Date:

College Transcripts The committee may ask for college transcripts, but it is not necessary to send with this application at this time. However, non-RCA seminary enrollees need plan to submit college transcripts, because the Ministerial Formation Certification Agency (MFCA) requires transcripts with all applications submitted to them.