



FREE PRESBYTERY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (CONTINUING)

March 19, 2022

Rev. Adam Kuehner
Clerk to Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery
c/o Southfield Reformed Presbyterian
26550 Evergreen Road
Southfield, Michigan 48076

Dear Rev. Kuehner,

Grace, mercy and peace from God, our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

I was instructed to notify the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery that Rev. Samuel Ketcham made an application for recognition as a candidate for the Ministry in the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing). This Presbytery hopes to examine Rev. Ketcham at the August meeting of Presbytery anticipated the week of August 8, 2022.

We value your labor and experience and understand that Rev. Ketcham served among you for a season. We, therefore, desire letters of commendation or concern by way of reference regarding Rev. Ketcham's religion, theological views, character, background and gifts. Some sample questions are included herein to aid your consideration. We value your feedback, seeking the honor of Christ and the felicity of the Church.

I realize your Presbytery just met, and we would welcome and request comment as soon as practicable to aid us in our due diligence. A formal response from Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery is welcomed; however, we appreciate candid letters by individuals, Sessions, Committees or the like who can assist us with our crave.

If you need anything further, please let me know. Our Lord knows thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience (Revelation 2:2-3). Thank you for your love and care for Christ's lambs. The Lord abundantly bless your Presbytery, the RPCNA, and your ministry.

In Christ's Service,

Christopher P. Reeder
Assistant Clerk to Presbytery

Enclosure (1): Sample Questions for Referees



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SAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR REFEREES

1. Please comment on evidence of the applicant's spiritual gifts, manifest in prayer and other ways.
2. Please comment on his faithfulness in the occupancy of his office.
3. What has been the applicant's response to any constructive criticism offered to him?
4. What can you state regarding the applicant's relationship with members and adherents in his congregations?
5. What are the general views of the spiritually mature in the congregation regarding his gifts?
6. What can you state with reference to the way in which others without the congregation regard the applicant? (e.g., employer, work colleagues, neighbors, etc.).