

Annual Report of Minister Serving Outside Congregations & At-Large

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"The presbytery shall review annually the work of all teaching elders engaged in validated ministries outside the congregation. . . The status of member-at-large shall be reviewed annually. [G-2.0503]

Name:
Address:
Email:
Phone:

Present or Requesting Membership status (G-2.0503):

- Validated ministry outside the congregation
 Member-at-large

G-2.0503: "A teaching elder shall be engaged in a ministry validated by the presbytery . . . [which] shall:

- (1) demonstrate conformity with the mission of God's people in the world as set forth in Holy Scripture, The Book of Confessions, and the Book of Order of this church;
- (2) serve and aid others, and enable the ministry of others;
- (3) give evidence of theologically informed fidelity to God's Word;
- (4) be carried on in accountability for its character and conduct to the presbytery in addition to any organizations, agencies, and institutions served; and
- (5) include responsible participation in the deliberations, worship, and work of the presbytery and in the life of a congregation of this church or a church in correspondence with the PC(USA) (G-5.0201).

When teaching elders are called to validated ministry beyond the jurisdiction of the church, . . . they shall give evidence of a quality of life that helps to share the ministry of the good news. . . . They shall participate in a congregation, in their presbytery, and in ecumenical relationships."

Questions (All Answer)

1. Please describe any work in which you currently or will engage. Include the name and address of your employer(s). Attach a job description, current compensation agreement, and latest performance review, if applicable.

- a. Within the church or wider Christian or religious community;
- b. Outside the church or wider Christian or religious community, in the secular sphere.
- c. How does this work/your ministry "conform to the mission of God's people in the world as set forth in Holy Scriptures, the Confessions, and the Book of Order?"
- d. How does this work/your ministry "serve and aid others, and enable the ministry of others;"
- e. How does this work/your ministry "give evidence of theologically informed fidelity to God's Word;"

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- f. A validated ministry must be accountable "for its character and conduct to the presbytery, in addition to any organizations, agencies, and institutions served." To whom, besides COM, are you accountable? For example, does your ministry have a Board of Directors or Overseers? Do you have a supervisor or superior to whom you report?
 - g. How are you, or will you be, involved in the life and ministry of the Presbytery?
 - h. How do you, or will you, participate in the life of a congregation of this church or a church in correspondence with the PC(USA)?
 - i. Please describe how your ordination is required for the position(s).
 - j. Please describe the time and places that you performed or will perform the sacerdotal functions (baptism, Communion, preaching, funerals, weddings, etc.)
6. If you are working in an occupation or profession that requires certification or a license, **please provide a copy.**
 7. If you are self-employed, offer counseling or any other service, do you carry business liability insurance? **Please provide a copy** of your certificate of insurance. If not, please explain why.
 8. How is your physical, spiritual and emotional health? What is most meaningful and important to you in your present life and work? How can the presbytery support you?
 9. During the past year, in what events, periods of reflection and/or study have you engaged to further your personal, spiritual and educational growth?
 10. What else would you like COM to know about your life and work? What questions do you have for COM? How can COM pray for you?

Additional Questions for Members-At-Large:

"A member-at-large is a teaching elder who has previously been engaged in a validated ministry, and who now, [1] without intentional abandonment of the exercise of ministry, is no longer engaged in a ministry that complies with all the criteria in G-2.0503a. A teaching elder may be designated a member-at-large because he or she is limited in his or her ability to engage in a ministry fulfilling all of the criteria for a validated ministry due to family responsibilities or other individual circumstances recognized by the presbytery. A member-at-large shall comply with as many of the criteria in G-2.0503a as possible and shall actively participate in the life of a congregation. The status of member-at-large shall be reviewed annually."

10. Is your Personal Information Form currently active and on file with Church Leadership Connection? If not, why not?
11. Are you open to being called to serve a congregation or other ministry of the church?
12. What family responsibilities or individual circumstances limit your ability to engage in a validated ministry? Has there been any change in these responsibilities or circumstances over the past year?

Endnote

i. The Mission of God's People:

F-1.01 God's Mission

The good news of the Gospel is that the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—creates, redeems, sustains, rules, and transforms all things and all people. This one living God, the Scriptures say, liberated the people of Israel from oppression and covenanted to be their God. By the power of the Spirit, this one living God is incarnate in Jesus Christ, who came to live in the world, die for the world, and be raised again to new life. The Gospel of Jesus Christ announces the nearness of God's kingdom, bringing good news to all who are impoverished, sight to all who are blind, freedom to all who are oppressed, and proclaiming the Lord's favor upon all creation.

The mission of God in Christ gives shape and substance to the life and work of the Church. In Christ, the Church participates in God's mission for the transformation of creation and humanity by proclaiming to all people the good news of God's love, offering to all people the grace of God at font and table, and calling all people to discipleship in Christ. Human beings have no higher goal in life than to glorify and enjoy God now and forever, living in covenant fellowship with God and participating in God's mission.

. . . the Church is faithful to the mission of Christ as it:

Proclaims and hears the Word of God,

responding to the promise of God's new creation in Christ, and

inviting all people to participate in that new creation;

Administers and receives the Sacraments,

welcoming those who are being engrafted into Christ,

bearing witness to Christ's saving death and resurrection,

anticipating the heavenly banquet that is to come, and

committing itself in the present to solidarity with the marginalized and the hungry; and

Nurtures a covenant community of disciples of Christ,

living in the strength of God's promise and

giving itself in service to God's mission.