

**Procedure: Requesting . . .**

**Permission to Serve Outside the Jurisdiction of This Church (Ministry Validation), its Renewal, At Large Membership, or its Annual Renewal**

**Name:**

**Date:**

The following questions are used to determine (please indicate your situation):

- Whether service Outside the Jurisdiction of This Church (G-2.0503) meets the criteria for a valid ministry resulting in permission for an active member to engage in service.
- Annual renewal of permission to engage in service Outside the Jurisdiction of This Church.
- Whether a minister complies with enough of the criteria for a valid ministry to determine At Large membership.
- Annual review of previously determine At Large membership

**Questions:**

Describe your employing organization, your title, and the responsibilities of the position. In what ways does this work fulfill your sense of calling as a Presbyterian (USA) Minister of Word and Sacrament? (G-2.0501)

**G-2.0503 Criteria for Ministry of Continuing Members**

- a. How does this ministry reflect our Church's understanding of mission in and to the world?
- b. How does this ministry "serve others, aid others, and enable the ministries of others?"
- c. How does your ministry "give evidence of theologically informed fidelity to God's Word?" Why is an M.Div or its equivalent and the requirements for ordination required for this work?
- d. How and to whom is the ministry "accountable for its character and conduct to the presbytery and to organizations, agencies, and institutions."
- e. Describe your participation in the life of your presbytery and your contribution to the work of the presbytery. If seeking membership, what are your future plans for contributing? Where do you presently attend worship? How do you serve in that congregation?

Include any other information that you think would be helpful to COM in making its determination to grant or renew permission to serve in your current ministry, or to grant or renew At Large Membership.

Attach a job description, current compensation agreement, and latest performance review, if applicable.

For At Large Members Only: "A member-at-large is a minister of the Word and Sacrament who has previously been admitted to the presbytery or another presbytery as an active member, and who now, without intentional abandonment of the exercise of ministry, is no longer engaged in a

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ministry that complies with all the criteria in G-2.0503. A minister 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 because of family responsibilities or other individual circumstances which presbytery recognizes as important. A member at-large shall comply with as many of the criteria in G-2.0503 as possible.

What limits your ability to engage in a ministry fulfilling all the criteria for a validated ministry?