

Pulpit Supply List

Teaching Elders in validated positions may submit an application to be placed upon the presbytery authorized Pulpit Supply list. This process involves a conversation with the pulpit supply task group, in addition to the application. The list is reviewed annually.

Yearly Review of Validated Ministry

All teaching elders in validated ministries must submit a yearly Validated Ministry Review form, in accordance with the deadline provided by COM.

Validated ministers who do not report on their work annually may lose their status as validated teaching elder members of the presbytery and may apply for member-at-large status instead.

Participation in The Life of The Presbytery and in a Local Congregation

The teaching elder is welcomed and encouraged to participate in the life of the presbytery, to the extent possible. Ways to connect and engage will be discussed as part of the COM conversation. An ongoing relationship with a one of presbytery's congregations is encouraged. COM is glad to be a participant in identifying roles for validated teaching elder in the life of a congregation.

Candidates Seeking Ordination to a Validated Ministry Position

This policy may apply to candidates who have been certified ready for examination for ordination and are seeking validation of a ministry. Permission to be ordained to a validated ministry will be on a case by case/person by person basis.

Validation of Volunteer Ministries

Recognizing that it is God who calls to ministry, and that the call is not always to a position that includes financial compensation, this process may be followed to validate a volunteer ministry position, including a call to service in the mission and ministry of the presbytery.

Validation of Ministry is Not Transferable to a New Ministry

A teaching elder engaged in a validated ministry who has been received based on a particular ministry may not take up a different ministry without participating in the validation process for the new ministry. In other words, validation attaches to an approved work of ministry and is not a status conferred on the teaching elder

Ending the Validated Ministry

When a teaching elder engaged in a validated ministry leaves that position, he/she will be offered the opportunity to apply for status as an Member-At-Large member of the presbytery