

PRESBYTERY OF YELLOWSTONE

STANDARDS FOR VALIDATING A MINISTRY

General Standards:

Validated ministries involve functions of ministry of the Word and Sacrament as defined in Section G-6.0200 of the Book of Order.

The church, through the presbytery, is responsible for designating the work of those called to ministry of Word and Sacrament and it is to the presbytery that those so called are responsible.

Ministers of Word and Sacrament who are in validated ministries are active members of the presbytery and thus shall fulfill the requirements of G-11.0403 without exception.

Specific Standards:

- I. **Those under the Jurisdiction of the PC (USA).** Ministers in the following positions are considered to be in validated ministries.
 - A. Pastor, co-pastor, associate pastor, designated pastor, designated co-pastor, stated supply, temporary supply, interim pastor and interim associate pastor serving local congregations of the PC (USA).
 - B. Employees of the governance structures or agencies of affiliated institutions of the PC (USA) such as but not limited to staff members of presbytery, synod, General Assembly of the PC (USA), employees of Board of Pensions, Board of Missions, professors at Presbyterian Seminaries and missionaries of agencies sponsored by the denomination.

- II. **Those beyond the jurisdiction of the PC (USA).** Those ministers not in I. above may also be in validated ministries. However, that determination is subject to the following process.
 - A. The minister requests validation of his/her work by applying to the presbytery through the Committee on Ministry (Application attached).
 - B. COM reviews the applicant's response to the standards listed in G-11.0403 and determines if validating the minister's request fits within the Book of Order requirements. COM may require an interview before making the determination.
 - C. Assuming validation is granted, the clergy will need to file an annual report (copy attached) with COM to maintain his/her validated ministry status.

Approved by Committee on Ministry 10/26/2007

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APPLICATION FOR VALIDATED MINISTRY

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone numbers: Home _____ Work _____

Employer _____ Job Title _____

Contact Person _____

(Please answer the following questions on separate sheets of paper)

1. Describe how this ministry conforms to the mission of God's people in the world as set forth in Scripture, the Book of Confessions and the Book of Order of the PC (USA).
2. Describe how this ministry serves and aids others and enables the ministries of others.
3. Give evidence of theologically informed fidelity to God's word.
4. How is this ministry accountable for its character and conduct to Presbytery of Yellowstone.
5. How do you responsibly participate in the deliberations and work of Presbytery of Yellowstone.
6. How do you responsibly participate in the worship and service of God's people in the World as set forth in Scripture.

(Please Sign and Date your Application)