

Presbytery of Wabash Valley
Commission on Ministry Criteria for Validated Ministry

Validated ministry in the Presbytery of Wabash Valley is established in the following three (3) ways, In conformity with G---2.05:

- Called and installed, validated by usual call process
- Honorably Retired – 299 (AEOD---authorized ecclesiastical occupational designation) – validated by presbytery
- Criteria for validating OTHER ministries – validated ministry (791 –AEOD). When the following criteria are met, the ministry of a previously ordained teaching elder may be validated by the Commission on Ministry:
 - a. chaplain – hospital, military, institution (e.g. assisted living, continuous care, etc.)
 - b. counseling – if the ministry is also
 - i. accredited by a professional organization
 - ii. has an oversight board of directors
 - iii. the ministry is affiliated with a church for oversight and reporting
 - c. educational
 - i. is called to serve as a professor or member of a faculty (644 – AEOD)
 - ii. the ordained person is called into administration and qualifies as 642, 643 - AEOD
 - iii. student (648 – Authorized Ecclesiastical Occupational Designation)/enrolled in a degree program related to ministry
 - d. missionary/fraternal worker (405---AEOD) –with oversight by a board
 - e. under contract/call by a presbytery, synod or the General Assembly
 - f. If the teaching elder is not validated by the above criteria, all the following criteria shall be met:
 - i. 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;
 - ii. serve and aid others, and enable the ministry of others;
 - iii. give evidence of theologically informed fidelity to God’s Word;
 - iv. be carried on in accountability for its character and conduct to the presbytery in addition to any organizations, agencies, and institutions served; and
 - v. 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). [These 5 criteria are taken from G---2.0503 and the G.A.’s “2011---2013 Advisory Handbook for Ministry Committees/Commissions”]
 - g. In all validated ministries the above criterion in “f.v.”, shall always apply. Teaching Elders wishing to be engaged in a validated ministry shall participate in a local congregation and shall attend at least two (2) Assemblies of the presbytery annually.
- A teaching elder who does not meet these criteria may be designated as a member---at---large as long as the teaching elder complies with G---2.0503b and “f.v.” above.
- All Validated Ministries, outside the congregation, are to be reviewed annually by COM.

ANNUAL MINISTRY REPORT FORM FOR 2018

For those who seek (or want to renew) a Validated Ministry for 2019 Presbytery of Wabash Valley

Please complete this form at your earliest convenience and return it to com@ourpresbytery.org or mail it to: Presbytery of Wabash Valley, Attn: COM, PO Box 225, Rochester, IN 46975-3545, by January 15, 2019.

As part of our mutual accountability as Ministers of the Word and Sacrament and members of the Presbytery of Wabash Valley, we commit to provide an annual report [*G-2.0502 G-2.0503 G-2.1001*]; and COM commits to review them. This is one of the primary ways to tell about your ministry and share stories about the ways you serve the church. Annually, COM reviews and validates ministry of those in service beyond the jurisdiction of the church that meet the following criteria. Please provide the following information:

Your Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Preferred Email: _____

Your place of employment:

Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____
Phone: _____ If you have a supervisor, please provide that name: _____

With which congregation do you affiliate and worship? _____

Your Ministry supports the people of God in the world through Word and Sacrament. Please share a personal illustration.

What is it about your ministry that confirms your Call and energizes you to stick with it and get better at it? (e.g. your spiritual disciplines, your continuing education, affirmation received, etc.)

How are you active in our Presbytery?

Are you facing challenges or “puzzles” that dampen your sense of Call?

Are there personal circumstances that limit your ability to engage in ministry, to satisfy the criteria for validated ministry?

Thank you for your prompt attention and reply to this request - staying accountable and connected!
We look forward to hearing from you.

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