Presbytery of Lake Huron
Pulpit Supply Policy

The Presbytery of Lake Huron is responsible for approving persons who preach in the pulpits of the Presbytery, including those who serve as "Pulpit Supply" preachers. Pulpit Supply is defined as very limited worship leadership and/or preaching, not to exceed serving a particular congregation more than one Sunday per month or for the duration of a pastor's vacation. (This policy does not address contracted Temporary Supply or Interim/Transition positions.)

The Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation shall make available a list of persons who have been approved and authorized to be called upon to serve as Pulpit Supply Preachers in the Presbytery of Lake Huron. This list may consist of ordained Ministers of Word and Sacrament (Teaching Elders), Ruling Elders, and Commissioned Elders.

Occasionally a congregation may wish to invite someone who is not on our approved list to fill the pulpit for a single event. For example: a community leader, a youth from the church, a member of Presbyterian Women, a missionary traveling in our area, etc. Single event pulpit preaching is allowable. However, if a church desires to have someone not on the Pulpit Supply List preach more than one Sunday per month, prior approval must be obtained from COMMP. (This does not apply to a member of the congregation who is serving as pulpit supply).

Ordinarily, recognized minister members of the Presbytery, Ruling Elders, Commissioned Elders, and Candidates under care of the Presbytery (who have been approved by the COMMP to preach) may, upon request and consent of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation, be added to the Presbytery's Pulpit Supply List.

However, anyone who is unable to affirm the terms of the "Sexual Misconduct Self Certification" found in the "Personal Discernment Profile" will not be eligible for placement on the Pulpit Supply list of the Presbytery of Lake Huron.

Also, there are reasons and situations for which persons may be temporarily suspended or removed from the Pulpit Supply List include but are not limited to the following:

- On medical leave, family leave or maternity/paternity leave.
- ~~Currently receiving a salary-based severance.~~
- Under any type of disciplinary process.
- Those who deliberately fail to observe the COMMP limitations on the frequency of monthly preaching.
- Evidence of preaching purchased sermons, plagiarism, or sermons from others without acknowledgment.
- Continual interference with a previous congregation in violation of the departing pastor policy of the COMMP.

All persons desiring to serve as pulpit supply must:

- Sign the Presbytery of Lake Huron Sexual Misconduct Policy Acknowledgment Form (attached),
- ~~and~~ be subject to any background/reference checks that may be required of minister members of the Presbytery.
- Attend Boundary Training through the Presbytery or Synod.

Acknowledgment of Receipt

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the Presbytery of Lake Huron Sexual Misconduct Policy dated June 4, 2002, that I understand its meaning, and agree to conduct myself in accordance with the policy.

Signature _____

Date _____

Presbytery of Lake Huron
Pulpit Supply Information Sheet

Please return completed form to the Presbytery of Lake Huron, P.O. Box 6129, Saginaw, MI 48608-6129 or email to spercy@presbylh.org

Date_____

Name_____ Home Phone Number_____
Cell Phone Number_____ Email_____
Address_____

Church Status (check one): Pastor___ Honorably Retired Pastor _____
CE/Educator_____ Elder _____ Other _____
Pastor of another denomination _____

Church of membership _____

Date of Ordination and Ordaining Body (if ordained) _____

How far you are willing to drive to fill a pulpit?

The Pulpit Supply list will be posted on the Presbytery of Lake Huron website.

___ Please check here if you do not wish for your name to be included on the website.

What do you hope to accomplish through your pulpit supply ministry?

Where do you see yourself on the overall theological spectrum?

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Traditional Progressive

How would you describe your theological perspective?

Please provide contact information of two references who have heard you preach.

Name_____ Phone_____ Email_____

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