

The Committee on Ministry



Committee on Ministry responsibilities:

COM is to provide nurture and care for all minister members (active and retired) of the presbytery and for Certified Christian Educators and Commissioned Ruling Elders while they are serving a congregation within the Presbytery. COM is also to provide nurture and care for congregations and to support parish- pastor relationships.

The Presbytery commissions to the Committee on Ministry the following authorities:

- Advise and assist pastor nominating and search committees and to encourage equal employment opportunity practices.
- Conduct examinations for teaching elders and for ministers of other denominations desiring to become members of the Presbytery.
- Approve calls and terms of call for all teaching elders in installed positions.
- Approve the covenants between churches and Temporary Supply pastors including terms of call.
- Approve the dissolution of the pastoral relationships. When appropriate approve severance as specified in the Committee on Ministry Handbook.
- Approve moderators for all vacant churches.
- Review annually the work of teaching elder members of the Presbytery serving in validated ministries, and to approve particular ministries as validated. On an annual basis, assess the status of all teaching elder members at-large to determine whether they should remain on the roll of active members.
- Develop and approve annual minimum terms of call for teaching elders and Certified Christian Educators.

The Committee on Ministry Handbook of the Manual of Operations delineates the processes and policies for the work of the committee.