

POLICY OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REGARDING

“VALIDATED MINISTRIES”

Minister members of the Presbytery of Savannah may be engaged in Validated Ministries within congregations (G 2.0503), within governing bodies of the church, in ecumenical agencies, specialized ministries under the control of the church, and interdenominational agencies (G 2.0503); or engaged in validated ministries beyond the jurisdiction of the church (G 2.0503), providing that the ministry meets the following criteria:

1. The ministry shall be approved by the Presbytery through its Committee on Ministry before the member enters into such service. (G 2.0503) Use form 1 or 2.)
2. The ministry shall be in harmony with the mission of the Church. (G 2.0503)
3. The ministry shall be in conformity with the mission of the people of God as set forth in Scripture and adhere to the essentials of the Reformed Faith and Polity as expressed in the *Book of Order* and the *Book of Confessions*. (G 2.0503)
4. The ministry shall exercise pastoral care to those for whom they are responsible. The ministry shall serve Christ and humanity, strengthen the church, and help to equip it for service to the human family. (G 2.0503)
5. Those involved in validated ministries outside of a congregation shall participate in worship in a local congregation. They shall participate in their Presbytery and in ecumenical relationships. They shall be eligible for election to the higher governing bodies of the church and to boards and agencies of those governing bodies. (G 2.0503)
6. Those engaged in the validated ministry shall be accountable to the Presbytery which has validated their ministry for the character and conduct of that ministry. They may also be accountable to other appropriate organizations and agencies. (G 2.0503) (Use form 3)
7. A description of ministries which may be proposed to the Committee on Ministry for approval which do not specifically fit these criteria should be presented to the Committee on Ministry for further consideration in accordance with G 2.0503. (Use form 1 or 2.)

Respectfully submitted,

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