

## **PEACE RIVER PRESBYTRY**

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In accordance with the Book of Order (G-3-0307), it is the responsibility of the Committee on Ministry (COM) to oversee the pastoral care provided by ministers to the churches of Peace River Presbytery. If there are ordained clergy that are functioning in the churches of Peace River Presbytery in pastoral roles (preaching, teaching, pastoral care, training of new members), whether they are Presbyterian Church (USA) ministers or not, they are to be under the care and oversight of COM.

The churches of Peace River Presbytery should seek the clearance of the Committee on Ministry before employing people in pastoral roles. If there are churches currently employing such persons in pastoral roles not in called positions, they should seek the clearance of the Committee on Ministry. The requirements are the same as for a pastor working in a called position except no COM Cluster Interview or COM Order of the Day is needed. Instead, COM expects that the head pastor will be responsible for adherence to Presbyterian polity. Also, COM expects an annual review by the head pastor and session will be conducted with a copy of the review sent to COM.

Ministers from other denominations serving in pastoral roles should have a working knowledge of the Book of Order and The Book of Confessions. They shall sign the Presbytery's Clergy Ethics Policy and Sexual Misconduct Policy and shall receive mandated training. If serving in a church staff position, these ministers shall receive an annual review by the pastor and session, and a copy of this report shall be sent to the Committee on Ministry. If the minister is serving in the role of a stated supply solo pastor, the session shall conduct the annual review to be sent to the Committee on Ministry.

As stated in 6.1408 B, a stated supply relationship "shall be established only by the Committee on Ministry and shall extend for a period not to exceed twelve months at a time. A stated supply shall not be reappointed until the Presbytery, through the Committee on Ministry, has reviewed her or his effectiveness."