

**VALIDATION OF MINISTRY
FOR TEACHING ELDERS POLICY
PRESBYTERY OF WINNEBAGO**

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Active Member: A minister of the Word and Sacrament who is in good standing within the presbytery may be engaged, but not limited to, service

1. in a validated ministry within the congregations of the presbytery

by serving a particular church or churches as pastor, co-pastor, associate pastor, stated supply, temporary supply, interim pastor, interim associate pastor, designated pastor, or parish associate

2. in a validated ministry in other service to the church

by serving as a staff member or officer of a presbytery, a synod, or the General Assembly of this church or of an organization related to one of these governing bodies; as a minister serving an organization sponsored by two or more denominations, one of which is this church. Examples: a federated church, a specialized agency, a partner in mission outside the United States all with the approval of the presbytery of membership.

3. in a validated ministry in service beyond the jurisdiction of this church

by being engaged in a ministerial calling consonant with the mission of the presbytery in an organization, agency, or institution in which this church has no official participation or may serve temporarily as pastor or in some other capacity in another denomination, with the approval of presbytery, may accept ministerial membership in that church for the period of such service without forfeiting membership in the Presbyterian presbytery in which enrolled.

Examples mission projects, chaplaincy, pastoral care, pastoral counseling (drugs, housing, alcohol, marriage or family), pastoral and theological education (seminary, college or university), or health care service related by organization, accountability and structure to other denominations with which the PC(U.S.A.) is in correspondence. A ministry that serves, aids or enables the ministry of others and relates to the service of people rather than to the production of goods or of profits. All ministry that will allow the continuing member to participate actively in the worship and service of a congregation of this presbytery or in a congregation of a denomination in which the PC(U.S.A.) is in correspondence. It is expected that the continuing member will so participate.

Requirements for meeting these criteria: Serves in the active life of the presbytery