

**Committee on Ministry
Presbytery of Eastern Virginia**

ANNUAL REPORT of Ministers in Work, Not in Parish Ministry

Date _____

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Home Address _____

Name of Church/Agency/Company/Occupation _____

Address _____

Title/Position _____ Work Phone _____

Email _____

NOTE: Read the enclosed paper on Continuing Membership in Presbytery, based on the Book of Order, before proceeding.

I. Fulfilling the requirements of the Book of Order:

A. Matters relating to G-6.0203

1. In what ways are you fulfilling your ministry by serving Christ and your fellow men and women through your current work?

2. In what ways are you exercising pastoral care for those for whom you are responsible in your current work?

3. In what ways are you strengthening the church and equipping it for concern and service through your current work?

4. a. My Congregational or Specialized Ministry Service is indicated with a Number below: In the past year I have (# of times)

preached _____

served communion _____

performed baptisms _____

performed weddings _____

officiated at funerals _____

taught church school or led retreats _____

done hospital/shut-in visitations _____

- b. In my relationship to this Presbytery, I serve on the _____ Committee(s).

My Committee and Presbytery attendance is indicated below:

I have attended _____ Committee meetings in the period since my last annual report.

I have attended _____ Presbytery meetings in the period since my last annual report.

5. In what ways are you actively participating:
- In a local Presbyterian congregation?
 - In Presbytery?
 - How else would you be interested in serving in Presbytery?

B. Matters relating to G-11.0403

Do you certify that in your current work (yes or no):

- Your ministry is in demonstrable conformity with the Mission of God's people as set forth in Holy Scripture, the Book of Confessions, and the Book of Order? _____ (if not, explain)
- Your ministry serves others, aids others, and enables the ministries of others? _____ (if not, explain)
- Your ministry is carried on in accountability for its character and conduct to the Presbytery and to other organizations and agencies, where appropriate? _____ (if not explain)

C. Other Matters:

- Are you engaged in work which falls under the jurisdiction of another Presbytery of our church? _____ If yes, you have been given the necessary permission by PEVA to "labor within its bounds" as required by G-11.0401? _____
- Is your Presbytery of residence (if other than PEVA) aware of your ministry?

3. Are you considering transfer of membership to another Presbytery? _____
If yes, when and which Presbytery?
4. If you are living outside the geographic bounds of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, why do you wish to retain membership in the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia?

II. Do you have any specific requests of Presbytery's Committee on Ministry?

III. Please share any personal experiences or goals which you feel would be helpful for the Committee on Ministry to know.

IV. Do you wish to have a personal meeting with the Committee on Ministry or its representatives to discuss your current work, your current or future classification, or any other matter?

V. CLASSIFICATION REQUEST: (check appropriate spaces)
(See GA Statistical Report. GA occupational codes available at Presbytery Office)

____ 1. I request the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia to approve and validate my current work as a valid form of ministry, until December 31, 200____, in accord with the criteria of G-11.0403. My current work is:

____ 2. I request the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia to classify me as follows, to be effective until December 31, 200____: (Choose one category)

____ Active member with validated ministry with a Congregation (G-11.0409).

____ Active member with validated ministry in other service to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (G -11-0410)

____ Active member with validated ministry beyond the Jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (G-11.0411)

____ Member at Large (G-11.0406b)

____ Inactive (G-11.0406c)

____ 3. Because I live outside the geographic bounds of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, I request permission to engage in work outside the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia and not under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia in accordance with G-11.0401. NOTE: You must first get the permission of the Presbytery within whose bounds you intend to work. (G-11.0401a)

Signed _____ Date _____

*Please return to: Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, Attention: COM/Validated Ministries Chair,
801 Loudoun Avenue, Portsmouth, VA 23707-3216*

CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP IN PRESBYTERY FOR SPECIALIZED MINISTRIES

According to the Book of Order, G-11.0403, to be an active member of Presbytery, a minister must meet all five of the following criteria.

- a. The ministry of continuing members shall be in demonstrable conformity with the mission of God's people in the world as set forth in Holy Scripture, the Book of Confessions, and the Book of Order of the PC(USA).
- b. The ministry shall be one that serves others, aids others, and enables the ministry of others.
- c. The ministry shall give evidence of theologically informed fidelity to God's Word. This will normally require the Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent on the completion of the requirements for ordination set forth in BO, G-14.0402.
- d. The ministry shall be carried out in accountability for its character and conduct to Presbytery and other organizations and agencies, where appropriate.
- e. The ministry shall include responsible participation in the deliberation and work of Presbytery and in the worship and service of a congregation.

Believing that individuals could interpret these criteria differently, and knowing that a Member at Large has all the rights of an active member, the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia approved that:

1. All ministers engaged in validated ministries (General Assembly "Authorized Ecclesiastical Occupational Designations") are considered **Active** members of presbytery. Others will be classified as **Members at Large** unless they do not meet the criteria of BO, G-11.0403.
(see GA Statistical Report- GA Occupational codes available at Presbytery)
2. All ministers in non-parish ministries must file annual reports to presbytery. Parish associates, other than honorably retired ministers, must also file these reports.
3. Any specialized ministers laboring within the bounds of presbytery will be expected to: (BO, G-11.0406c):
 - attend presbytery meetings
 - **or** serve as an active member of a presbytery committee attending at least 50% of the committee meetings (excused absences are not a substitute for attendance)
 - **and** responsibly participate in the worship and service of a congregation.

Failure to do so may result in the risk of being put on Inactive status in accordance with BO, G-11.0406c