

## A. Process to Follow for Ministers of Formula of Agreement Denominations

1.If a congregation wishes to establish a temporary pastoral relationship with an ordained minister member of one of the Christian churches which have entered into a Formula of Agreement relationship with the PC(USA)<sup>1</sup>, the session may, through their Committee on Ministry Liaison, request that the COM approve the candidate. Before COM's approval of the contract between the minister and Session, Presbytery of the Peaks Examination Committee must examine the candidate. If approved, the minister will be received as a temporary member of the presbytery during their term of service with the congregation (Book of Order, G- 2.0506).

2.If a congregation wishes to establish an installed pastoral relationship with an ordained minister member of one of the Christian churches which have entered into a Formula of Agreement relationship with the PC(USA), the PNC of that congregation may request that the COM process their call in the same way as it processes calls to PC(USA) ministers of the Word and Sacrament and, if approved by presbytery, receive the minister as a temporary member of the presbytery. (Book of Order, G-2.0506).

## B. Process to Follow for Ministers of Other Denominations Seeking to Serve Our Churches in Temporary Pastoral Relationships

1. If a congregation is unable to find a suitable PC(USA) minister of the Word and Sacrament or a Commissioned Pastor to serve as their pastor, the session may request that the COM approve a minister of another Christian church to serve their congregation in a Temporary Pastoral Relationship. The COM will elect a Credentialing Team comprised of the petitioning church's liaison, another member of the COM, and a member of the Presbytery of the Peaks Examinations Committee. The minister shall submit the following documents to the Credentialing Team before examination:
  - a. Presbytery of the Peaks Application for Service as a Temporary Supply Preacher and Pastor (Minister of Another Denomination)
  - b. Current PIF or equivalent resume
  - c. A recommendation from his/her denomination or other testimonies of good standing
  - d. Contract outlining duties and compensation
  
2. After the minister submits the appropriate documents;
  - a. The Credentialing Team will schedule an interview with the candidate. Applicants will be examined in the areas of personal faith, Reformed theology, Bible, ministry skills, Presbyterian polity, and their understanding of Presbyterian Worship and Sacraments.

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<sup>1</sup> Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, United Church of Christ, Reformed Church in America

- b. The Credentialing Team will then refer the minister to the Examinations Committee.
  - c. Upon approval by the COM, the candidate may begin functioning as a Temporary Supply Pastor while serving this congregation. She or he will be appointed a mentor who is a minister of the Word and Sacrament member of this Presbytery. If the Examinations Committee and COM determines the minister needs additional training in polity or sacramental theology, the COM will assist the candidate in registering for a course offered by a PC (USA) seminary or an approved class offered by Presbytery of the Peaks, or another presbytery. While the minister seeks additional education, she or he will not be permitted to moderate the session or administer the sacraments, but will be permitted to preach and carry out other pastoral duties. Upon completion of training in polity or sacramental theology, the minister will be re-examined by the Examinations Committee and a recommendation will be offered to the COM concerning the candidate's ability to serve the sacraments or moderate the session.
3. The minister may become a temporary member of the Presbytery of the Peaks. If the Minister desires to be a temporary member, he or she shall be examined by the presbytery and approved by 3/4 vote.