

### Delegated Powers of the Committee on Ministry

#### SR-9.300 Committee on Ministry

- a. The committee shall be composed of an equal number of ministers and elders.
- b. The committee shall perform those duties established in G-11.0500 of the Constitution.
- c. Authority for performing the actions delineated in G-11.0502h and G-14.0407c of the Constitution are delegated to this committee.

[G-11.0502h.& 14.0407c: It [presbytery] may be given authority by the presbytery . . . to **find in order calls** issued by churches, to **approve and present calls** for services of ministers, to **approve the examination** of ministers transferring from other presbyteries required by G-11.0402, to **dissolve the pastoral relationship** in cases where the congregation and pastor concur, to grant **permission to labor within or outside the bounds** of the presbytery, and to **dismiss ministers** to other presbyteries, with the provision that all such actions be reported to the next stated meeting of the presbytery. (G-9.0403, G-14.0507)]

The responsibility and power to perform the following tasks are delegated to this committee, with the provision that they be reported to the next stated meeting of presbytery:

- i. Approve the **examinations of and receive ministers** transferring from other presbyteries and present them at the next stated meeting of the presbytery.
  - ii. **Appoint a moderator of session** where a pulpit is vacant.
  - iii. **Appoint Stated Supply ministers**, and appoint them as moderator of the session.
  - iv. **Appoint a commission for the purpose of installing** a minister (G-9.0503a(1), G-14.0510a).
  - v. Provide **consent on behalf of the presbytery to a change in a call** to a pastor or associate pastor made at the request of the pastor or associate pastor or at the request of the church by action of the congregation (G-14.0501b)
  - vi. **Designate a parish associate**, upon nomination by a pastor, at the request of a session, and consent of a minister qualified by G-14.0515.
  - vii. **Grant the status of member-at-large** (G-11.0406b).
  - viii. **Determine the category of a minister as that of inactive member** (G-11.0406c & G-11.0415).
  - ix. Approve the service of a minister “**in other service of this church**” (G-11.0410).
  - x. Grant permission for a minister to engage in a validated ministry “**in service beyond the jurisdiction** of the church (G-11.0411),
  - xi. **Designate** a minister member as **honorably retired** (G-11.0412).
  - xii. **Release a minister from the exercise of ordained ministry** upon application by the minister (G-11.0414a).
  - xiii. **Approve the restoration of a minister previously released** under G-11.0414a (G-11.0414c).
- d. The committee shall recommend to Presbytery the commissioning of lay pastors; instructing, examining supervising and reviewing them according to G-14.0800 of the Constitution.