

Validation of Ministry

APPLICATION

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This application is to be filled out by ministers of the Presbyterian Church (USA) who seek membership in San Gabriel Presbytery who are called to labor in organizations, agencies, or institutions in which this Church has no official participation, or by those who wish to serve temporarily as a pastor in another denomination. The following information is submitted to the Committee on Ministry to expedite the validation of ministry.

Employing Agency: _____

Address of Employing Agency: _____

Phone Number of Employing Agency: _____

Form of Governance: _____
(Board of Directors for example)

Person or Board to whom you are accountable: _____

Proposed Date of Employment: _____

Terms of Call (include details of your salary and benefits, a position description, and the organization's statement of purpose provided to the Committee on Ministry by the employing organization): (Use another sheet of paper if necessary)

More questions on the second sheet...

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Answer the following questions on another sheet of paper: (please explain your answers)

1. Is the ministry 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 this church? (G-11.0403a)
2. Is the ministry one that serves others, aids others, and enables the ministries of others? (G-11.0403 b)
3. Does the ministry give evidence of theologically informed fidelity to God's Word? This will normally require the Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent and the completion of the requirements for ordination set forth in G-14.0402. (G-11.0403c)
4. Is the ministry carried on in accountability for its character and conduct to the presbytery and to organizations, agencies and institutions? (G-11.0403d)
5. Does the ministry include responsible participation in the deliberations and work of the presbytery and in the worship and service of a congregation? (G-11.0403e)

If not validated ministry, what are the other options?

If one or more of the criteria cannot be met, the continuing member should ask to be designated member at large (G-11.0406b) or an inactive member (G-11.0406c) of presbytery. If presbytery is unwilling to grant this, then the continuing member should seek release from the exercise of ordained office until he or she receives a call to ministry that fulfills all five criteria (G-11.0414). Restoration to the exercise of office is possible without re-ordination by

- application and approval of the presbytery that granted release
- reaffirmation of ordination vows
- resumption of a ministry that qualifies for continuing active membership in presbytery