

Committee on Ministry Policy and Practice Recommendations
A-18

COM Policy:

Section 1.03: Committee Size

Membership of the committee shall be nine ministers of the Word and Sacrament and nine ruling elders, elected in three classes of six persons, for terms of three years each, renewable for one term.

One member of the committee, other than the chair, shall be nominated by the Nominations Committee and elected by the presbytery to serve as vice chair of the committee ***unless there are co-chairs elected to serve.*** (Added 2/9/19)

RATIONALE: *This is an update. Co-chairs are in the recommendation for PMV.*

Section 1.16: Validated Ministries Under the Jurisdiction of the Church

The *Book of Order (2.0503)* recognizes three categories of membership in the presbytery for ministers of the Word and Sacrament:

1. Engaged in validated ministry
2. Member-at-large
3. ~~Honorably~~ Retired

RATIONALE: *This is a Book of Order change.*

Section 1.22: Comprehensive Background Checks

All ministers “all clear.” (Paragraphs left out)

Reports are resealed after reading, with the seal and dated signed by the Executive Presbyter and stored under lock for a period of one year ***indefinitely*** from their receipt, ~~after which they are destroyed.~~ In no cases shall reports be shared with outside agencies, even at the request of the subjects.

RATIONALE: *This comes as a recommendation from other Stated Clerks and legal services. If there is ever a complaint filed, we will need to be able to prove we have done our due diligence. Our insurance company does not have a requirement concerning this but said that five years is standard for small businesses.*

COM Practice:

Section 2.05: Changes to the Pulpit Supply List

Any minister of the Word and Sacrament member of this presbytery in the status of ~~Honorably~~ Retired, validated ministry outside the church, or member-at-large, may

request that his/her name be placed on the pulpit supply list, and it will be done with the approval of the Executive Presbyter or Committee on Ministry chair.

RATIONALE: *This is a Book of Order change and the COM approved making that change anywhere it appears in their Policy and Practice.*

In the COM Policy and Practice it is recommended that a change from the Ministry Information Form (MIF) and Personal Information Form (PIF) to Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) and Personal Discernment Profile (PDP) to be in line with the CLC whenever it appears.

RATIONALE: *to bring us into conformity with the current system.*