

PRESBYTERY DE CRISTO  
Commission on Ministry

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( ) Year  
Application or Renewal for Validated Ministry Status  
Application or Renewal for Member-at-Large Status

Date:

**Personal Information**

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Contact Phone Numbers:

Email Address:

**Ordination**

Do you desire to maintain your standing as a PCUSA ordained Teaching Elder (Minister of Word and Sacrament)?

Yes ( )

No ( )

What year were you ordained?

What presbytery ordained you?

**Presbytery Standing**

Having reviewed the guidelines in G- 0503a & b are you applying for:

\_\_\_\_\_ standing as a validated ministry? *(Please respond to the questions in Section A.)*

OR

\_\_\_\_\_ standing as a member-at-large? *(Please respond to the questions in Section B.) (Mark either A or B.)*

**SECTION A (Validated Ministry)**

- 1) What is the name and contact information for your employer?
- 2) What is your position title?
- 3) What is your employer's job description for that position?
- 4) What aspect of your work energizes you and what aspects of your work are your greatest challenges?

- 5) Please describe how your current work/ministry utilizes your ordination as a Teaching Elder and furthers the mission of God's people in the world as set forth in Scripture, the Book of Confessions and the Book of Order?
- 6) Describe how your current work/ministry serves and aids others, and enables the ministries of others.
- 7) How does your work give evidence of theologically informed fidelity to God's Word?
- 8) What supervisory structure exists in your organization that encourages and monitors your professional development? Please describe.
- 9) Within what PCUSA congregation are you active? Please describe your involvement.
- 10) If you live within the bounds of Presbytery de Cristo, in what ways have you participated in the life of the presbytery in the last year?
- 11) If you live outside the bounds of de Cristo Presbytery, are you involved in any activities in the presbytery of your residence? If so, what are they?
- 12) Are you involved in any other ecumenical/ecclesiastical/religious activities? (teaching, ecumenical worship, weddings, funerals, etc.)

**SECTION B (Member-at-Large)**

- 1) What are your current circumstances that limit your ability to engage in a ministry as characterized by G-2.0503a?
- 2) In what local congregation are you active? Please describe your involvement.
- 3) Are there ways in which your life, apart from any institutional involvement, still manifests some of the characteristics of ministry listed in G-2.0503a? Please describe.
- 4) What has been your involvement in the life of de Cristo Presbytery over the last year? Please describe.

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**APPLICATION FOR VALIDATED MINISTRY or MEMBER-AT-LARGE STATUS**

I certify by my signature that the contents of this application/renewal of status are a true and correct representation of my current life situation.

Name (Please print)

Signature

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Below are the Book of Order requirements in order to qualify for a **validated ministry**:

- 1) The ministry shall demonstrate 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 church.
- 2) The ministry shall serve and aid others, and enable the ministry of others.
- 3) The ministry shall give evidence of theologically informed fidelity to God's Word.
- 4) The ministry shall be carried on in accountability for its character and conduct to the presbytery in addition to any organizations, agencies, and institutions served.
- 5) The ministry shall include responsible participation in the deliberations, worship, and work of the presbytery and in the life of a congregation of this church or a church in correspondence with the PC(USA) (G-5.0201)

When teaching elders are called to validated ministry beyond the jurisdiction of the church, they shall give evidence of a quality of life that helps to share the ministry of the good news. They shall participate in a congregation, in their presbytery, and in ecumenical relationships and shall be eligible for election to the higher councils of the church and to the boards and agencies of those councils. The presbytery shall review annually the work of all teaching elders engaged in validated ministries outside the congregation. (G-2.0503a)

Below are the Book of Order requirements in order to qualify for **member-at-large** standing:

A member-at-large is a teaching elder who has previously been engaged in a validated ministry, and who now, without intentional abandonment of the exercise of ministry, is no longer engaged in a ministry that complies with all the criteria in G-2.0503a. A teaching elder may be designated a member-at-large because he or she is limited in his or her ability to engage in a ministry fulfilling all of the criteria for a validated ministry due to family responsibilities or other individual circumstances recognized by the presbytery. A member-at-large shall comply with as many of the criteria in G-2.0503a as possible and shall actively participate in the life of a congregation. A member-at-large is entitled to take part in the meetings of the presbytery and to speak, vote, and hold office. The status of member-at-large shall be review annually. (G-2.0503b)