

A. Ministry Team Empowered Decisions

- 1. Appoint liaisons from team to churches assigned to the ministry team.
- 2. Work with churches in transition:
 - a. Conduct exit interviews with pastors leaving congregations.
 - b. Approve 12 strategic question documents from congregations.
 - c. Approve requests to form the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC/APNC)
- d. Approve non-MIF and MIF (Ministry Information Forms), from churches, as well as transitional and other ministry job descriptions/announcements.
- e. Request vacant pulpits via email for the purpose of providing candidates with a neutral pulpit.
- f. Assist in negotiating terms of severance or dissolution for presentation and approval to COM
- g. Solicit participants (via email and in coordination with Stated Clerk) to serve on Fit Interview teams for pastoral positions in congregations, and prepare recommendation for COM approval.
- 3. Appoint Triennial visit teams and approve triennial visit report.
- 4. Annually review terms of call for all Ministers of Word & Sacrament working in pastoral positions in congregations on their specific team's listing of churches.
- 5. Recommend changes to or development of new policies related to COM procedures.

COM-Required Decisions

- 1. Approve the status of all Minister of Word & Sacrament members of the Presbytery:
- a. Examine ministers wishing to transfer membership from other Presbyteries and approve receiving them as appropriate.
- b. Grant permission for ministers to labor within or outside the bounds or the jurisdiction of the Presbytery.
 - c. Annually review and approve Parish Associate covenants/agreements.
 - d. Grant status of Honorably Retired as requested for ministers.
- e. Annually receive and review reports from ministers in validated ministries or members at large. Approve continuation of status as appropriate.
 - f. Receive annual reports from Honorably Retired members of the Presbytery.
 - g. Approve removal of Ministers of Word & Sacrament from the rolls of the Presbytery.
- h. Approve the changes of status of ministers as approved by COM (retirement, dissolution, etc.)
- 2. Find in order calls/contracts issued by churches:



- a. Annually approve terms of call for all Ministers of Word & Sacrament working in pastoral positions in congregations.
 - b. Dissolve pastoral relationships when both pastor and congregation so request.
 - c. Appoint and annually review Stated Supply, Temporary Supply and Interim positions.
- d. Appoint Commissioned Lay Pastors (CLPs) to congregations and approve the CLP covenants.
- 3. Appoint session moderators as needed when no pastoral relationship exists.
- 4. Appoint administrative commissions for ordination and installation of Ministers of Word & Sacrament to congregational ministry and for the commissioning of a Commissioned Lay Pastor.
- 5. Provide assistance as needed for enrolled members of the Board of Pensions.
- 6. Develop policies for internal COM issues and procedures.
- 7. Annually develop a proposal to the Presbytery for minimum compensation for Ministers of Word & Sacrament working in congregations.

B. Presbytery-Required Decisions

- 1. Approval of minimum compensation requirements for Ministers of Word & Sacrament serving in congregations of the Presbytery of Denver as prepared by COM.
- 2. Presentation to Presbytery of candidates for examination for ordination who have an approved call.
- 3. Approval of Presbytery policies as developed and proposed by COM.