

**MINISTER MEMBERS-AT-LARGE IN THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW COVENANT  
ADOPTED POLICY  
May, 2008**

Continuing minister-members of the Presbytery of New Covenant include the following: active members, members-at-large, and inactive members (G-11.0406).

A **minister-at-large** is addressed in the *Book of Order* in G-11.0406b and G-11:0413.

In the Presbytery of New Covenant a Minister of Word and Sacrament may be considered for minister-at-large status if there has not been an intentional abandonment of the exercise of ministry. This minister, for a number of reasons, no longer may be engaged in a ministry that complies with all the criteria in G-11:0403. These reasons may include, but not be limited to:

1. geographic location without a call;
2. resignation from a call within the presbytery without moving to another;
3. non-ministerial employment, but with intention to participate actively in the life and ministry of the presbytery, including that of a congregation.

The status of member-at-large must be requested by the minister and is considered by the Committee on Ministry (COM) on behalf of the presbytery. If granted, it is reviewed annually through the Annual Report required of all non-parish ministers by COM.

If a minister requests transfer into the presbytery as a member-at-large, a current Personal Information Form and Statement of Faith are required, before the way is clear to meet with the Examinations sub-committee of COM.

A member-at-large shall comply with as many of the criteria in G-11:0403 as possible and shall be encouraged to participate in the life of a congregation as a Parish Associate. The Parish Associate Covenant must be approved by COM and shall be reviewed annually by COM through the Administration Subcommittee (G-14.0515c).

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