

**MINISTER MEMBERS-AT-LARGE**  
**THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW COVENANT**  
**ADOPTED POLICY**

Continuing minister-members of the Presbytery of New Covenant include the following: 1. *validated: a. installed or temporary pastors; b. ministers engaged in ministries beyond the congregation;* 2. *member-at-large;* 3. *honorably retired (G-2.0503) 2011*

A **minister-at-large** is addressed in the *Book of Order* in G-2.0503b.

In the Presbytery of New Covenant a *Teaching Elder/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-2.0503a. 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-2.0503a 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.

When the pastoral relationship between a minister-member and a congregation/session is dissolved, but the minister remains a member of the Presbytery of New Covenant without a call or contract, that minister becomes a member-at-large. *[This paragraph added by action of COM in February, 2011.]*

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