

**THE RECEIPT OF HONORABLY RETIRED MINISTERS**

**I. Policy Statement**

San Jose Presbytery welcomes Honorably Retired ministers requesting transfer of their membership. Requests shall be channeled through the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry.

**II. Rationale**

Because of their experience Honorably Retired ministers are an important resource for the Presbytery and are to be encouraged to play an active role in its life. The goal of this policy is to ensure an appropriate welcome for transferring Honorably Retired ministers.

**III. Responsibilities**

**A. Committee on Ministry (COM) Responsibilities**

COM's Transition Subcommittee shall schedule an entry interview which shall also serve as the required examination, and shall arrange for presentation and introduction to presbytery at a subsequent meeting.

The subcommittee shall inquire as to the minister's interests and expectations as to active participation in the life and work of the Presbytery, and shall communicate this information to Presbytery's Nominating Committee.

**B. Minister Responsibilities**

Retirees shall make themselves available for an entry interview and examination with COM prior to the presentation of their request to Presbytery. Retirees requesting transfer to San Jose Presbytery in addition shall make clear to COM the extent to which they wish, or do not wish, to be available for the opportunities and responsibilities of the life of this presbytery during their retirement.

**C. Additional Responsibilities/Information**

It is the responsibility of presbytery to permit time for presentation and reception of the transferring Honorably Retired minister at a mutually agreeable meeting of presbytery. Refer also to Presbytery Policy HR-2: *Presbytery's Relationship to Its Retired Ministers*.