

MINISTERS NOT OFFICIALLY RELATED TO A PARTICULAR CHURCH

I. Policy Statement

Ministers who are not officially related to a particular church shall respect the position of any pastor, co-pastor, associate pastor, or individual serving in a temporary pastoral relationship regarding all ministerial functions within that congregation.

II. Rationale

It is vital that ministers who are not officially related to a particular church perform ministerial functions only under the guidance of COM and/or with the concurrence of the pastor of the church involved.

III. Responsibilities

A. Committee on Ministry (COM) Responsibilities

COM shall annually review the status and activity of all ministers, including those not officially related to a particular church.

B. Minister Responsibilities

Ministers not officially related to a particular church shall: officiate at weddings and funerals only when an invitation has been issued by the pastor of the church involved; administer the sacraments only at the request of the pastor, the church's session, or by permission of presbytery; not counsel with or advise members of congregations concerning problems in their respective churches except when on official presbytery business.

C. Session Responsibilities

N/A

D. E. Additional Responsibilities/Information

N/A