

## **4.500 COMMITTEES OF PRESBYTERY: COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY, CLERGY**

### **4.503 Guidelines for Validated Ministry**

- A. Committee on Ministry shall evaluate ministries in which clergy in the Presbytery of Northern Waters are engaged according to the following Guidelines:
  - 1. The ministry is performed within congregations in the Presbytery of Northern Waters.
  - 2. The ministry involves mission projects, or other forms of ministry that the Presbytery believes it should address; for example, schools, day-care projects, chaplaincies and pastoral care, pastoral counseling and pastoral education services, health care facilities and services.
  - 3. The ministry is performed within entities that are related to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) or one of its churches, by organization, accountability, or structure to governing bodies, agencies, mission and ministry units or seminaries, and to interdenominational organizations such as Councils of Churches, CROP, or Heifer International.
  - 4. The ministry is performed within an entity beyond the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), such as nondenominational or secular programs dealing with housing programs, farm crisis, drug and alcohol treatment, or marriage and family programs.
- B. If a ministry is in question for validation, letters of inquiry will be sent. Responses will be reported to Committee on Ministry for evaluation and validation.