

# Annual Report to the Presbytery of Northern Waters For Validating Ministry

The Book of Order requires that the Presbytery be responsible and accountable for the ministry performed within its bounds. Specifically, the Committee on Ministry is directed to require an “annual report from every minister performing work that is not under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery or a higher governing body of the church”. This form is used in an attempt to fulfill that responsibility with regard to non-parish ministries conducted by members of the Presbytery of Northern Waters.

Item number IV is most important. The criteria were adopted so that a Presbytery would have latitude in determining its own interpretation of valid ministry.

It is your responsibility to fill out this form to describe the way in which the ministry that you are performing fulfills all of the criteria which have been set forth in the Form of Government. It will be most helpful for your Committee on Ministry if you use detail in describing the objectives of your ministry and the fashion in which that ministry is conducted.

**To be returned to Committee on Ministry on or before August 1, 2024.**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Your Name</b>		
	<b>Address</b>		
	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>
	<b>Telephone</b>		
<b>2.</b>	<b>Your Ecclesiastical Status (Please check, if applicable.)</b>		
	Regular position by action of Presbytery, Synod, GA, or a council or Agency thereof.		
	Full Time	Part Time	
	Regular position in interdenominational work approved by Presbytery (e.g., Council of Churches, etc.)		
	Full Time	Part Time	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Your Report on Employment during the past year (list all full or part-time positions held, whether secular or religious, including self-employment for which income was earned). Describe positions; give names and addresses of employing body or write, “Not so employed”.</b>		

**4. Constitutional Criteria**

To help the COM determine validation for your ministry, describe in detail how your ministry meets the criteria in G-11.0403.

The ministry of continuing members shall be in demonstrable conformity with the mission of God's people in the world as set forth in Holy Scripture, The Book of Confessions, and the Book of Order of this Church. The ministry shall be one that serves others, aids others, and enables the ministries of others. The ministry shall give evidence of theologically informed fidelity to God's word. The ministry shall be carried on in accountability for its character and conduct to the Presbytery and to organizations, agencies, and institutions the ministry shall include responsible participation in the deliberations and work of the Presbytery and in the worship and service of a congregation.

Please describe the way in which your present ministry fulfills these criteria.

**5. Your report on your activities of religious or ecclesiastical nature.**

- a. In what ways have you been active in the life and work of the Presbytery? List specific responsibilities and how they have been fulfilled.)
  
- b. In what ways are you actively related to the life and work of a particular church?
  
- c. In what other religious or ecclesiastical activities have you been engaged during the past year?

**Minister's Signature**

**Date**

**It is of utmost importance that each minister fills in the above form carefully, signs and returns as indicated to the following:**

**COM Committee  
Presbytery of Northern Waters  
2105 Woodland Ave  
Duluth, MN 55803**

**Or**

**[presbyteryofnorthernwaters@gmail.com](mailto:presbyteryofnorthernwaters@gmail.com)**