

HOW TO GRANT EMERITUS STATUS

When any pastor or associate pastor retires, and the congregation is moved by affection and gratitude to continue an association in an honorary relationship, it may, at a regularly called congregational meeting, elect him or her as pastor emeritus or emeriti, with or without honorarium, but with no pastoral authority or duty. This action shall be taken only after consultation with the Committee on Ministry of the presbytery concerning the wisdom of this relationship for the peace of the church. This action shall be subject to the approval of presbytery, and may take effect upon the formal dissolution of the pastoral or associate pastoral relationship or anytime thereafter. G-14.0605

The Committee on Ministry shall:

- REPORT to the Presbytery that the Committee on Ministry acted to concur in the request of the congregation of _____ Church to elect the Rev. _____ as pastor emeritus.

- REPORT to the Presbytery that a congregational meeting, moderated by the Rev. _____ was held _____ (date), and the congregation acted to elect the Rev. _____ as Pastor Emeritus effective _____ (date).

- RECOMMEND that Presbytery approve the election of the Rev. _____ as Pastor Emeritus effective _____ (date).

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