

# The Presbytery of the Coastlands

*Empowering congregations and people of faith to transform the world.*

## **POLICY REGARDING PULPIT SUPPLY, MODERATING SESSION AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS**

### **PULPIT SUPPLY**

#### ***Addition to pulpit supply roster:***

Ministers in good standing, including meeting the presbytery requirements for boundary training, may be placed on the presbytery's pulpit supply list through the following means:

- Submitting a request directly to the stated clerk
- Making the request when
  - Transferring into the presbytery
  - Requesting validation of a ministry beyond the congregational context
  - Transitioning from active ministry to retirement

A candidate for ordination is eligible to be placed on the pulpit supply list upon successful completion of worship and preaching courses at a theological institution, boundary training, and approval by the COM.

#### ***Removal from pulpit supply roster:***

A minister or candidate may be removed from the pulpit supply roster by:

- Submitting a request directly to the stated clerk
- Making the request in conjunction with the annual update process
- Action of the Commission on Ministry

The pulpit supply list will be updated on an annual basis to ensure accuracy of information and to note any changes in ministerial circumstances (e.g., standing). Upon completion of said review, the list will be reviewed and approved by the COM.

### **MODERATING SESSION AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS**

In accordance with the Book of Order (G-1.0504), the installed pastor (or current pastor authorized by presbytery) shall normally moderate all meetings of the Session and the congregation.

In the event it is impractical for the pastor to do so, another minister member of the presbytery who is in good standing or a person authorized by the presbytery may be authorized to serve in this capacity.

In these circumstances, the individual serving as moderator must be doing so *either* at the invitation of the church's current pastor *or* at the request of the Commission on Ministry.

### **COMPENSATION**

Compensation for pulpit supply shall be no less than \$200, plus \$50 for each additional service, as well as mileage to be reimbursed at the current IRS rate.

Compensation for moderating Session and Congregational meetings shall be \$75 per meeting as well as mileage to be reimbursed at the current IRS rate.