ANNUAL REVIEW FORM

Member-at-large

“A member-at-large is a teaching elder who has previously been engaged in a validated ministry, and who now, without intentional abandonment of the exercise of ministry, is no longer engaged in a ministry that complies with all the criteria in G-2.0503a. A teaching elder may be designated a member-at-large because he or she is limited in his or her ability to engage in a ministry fulfilling all the criteria for a validated ministry due to family responsibilities or other individual circumstances recognized by the presbytery. A member-at-large shall comply with as many of the criteria in G-2.0503a as possible and shall actively participate in the life of a congregation. A member-at-large is entitled to take part in the meetings of presbytery and to speak, vote, and hold office. The status of member-at-large shall be reviewed annually.” (G-2.0503b)

The five criteria for a validated ministry listed in G-2.0503a are:

1. The ministry shall demonstrate 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 the church.
2. The Ministry shall serve and aid others, and enable the ministry of others.
3. The Ministry shall give evidence of theologically informed fidelity to God’s Word.
4. The ministry shall be carried on in accountability for its character and conduct to the presbytery in addition to any organizations, agencies, and institutions served.
5. The ministry shall include responsible participation in the deliberations, worship, and work of the presbytery and in the life of a congregation of this church or a church in correspondence with the PC(USA)) (G-5.0201)

To be a member-at-large of the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley, COM **must** validate your ministry. You do not need to be serving in an installed position or working full-time to have a validated ministry. You must simply fulfill the criteria listed above. Please answer the following:

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1. Do you desire to participate in the ministry of the Presbytery of Sheppards and Laspley as a member-at-large? If so, for what reason do you desire member-at-large status?
2. Are you presently employed?
3. Are you currently seeking a call?
4. Are you currently involved in the life of a congregation? If so, how so, and which one?
5. To what extent do you meet the five validated ministry criteria for continuing membership in the Presbytery? Are there any of the five criteria for which you desire to find a context for your ministry? (For example, are you available for preaching or teaching, or would you like to be a part of a Presbytery group?)
6. Are you accountable to a supervisor or a supervising organization in your ministry? If so, please describe.

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