

MINISTERS FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND “CHEAT SHEET”

Ministers from denominations in full-communion or in ecumenical agreement with the PC(USA) may serve PC(USA) congregations under the terms of those agreements. Ministers from denominations that are in historic correspondence with the PC(USA), have participated in ecumenical dialogues, and share core theological understandings may serve PC(USA) with permission of the presbytery under G-2.0505 and G-2.0506.

The constitutional conditions are set forth in G-2.0607 for all ministers who may serve in the PC(USA), including those of other denominations. The requirements include:

“a. a candidate’s wisdom and maturity of faith, leadership skills, compassionate spirit, honest repute, and sound judgment;

“b. a transcript showing graduation, with satisfactory grades, at a regionally accredited college or university;

“c. a transcript from a theological institution accredited by the Association of Theological Schools acceptable to the presbytery, showing a course of study including Hebrew and Greek, exegesis of the Old and New Testaments using Hebrew and Greek, satisfactory grades in all areas of study, and graduation or proximity to graduation, and

“d. satisfactory grades, together with the examination papers in the areas covered by any standard ordination examination approved by the General Assembly. ...”

For ministers from the following corresponding ecumenical partners some of the above requirements are waived or the process of the denomination of membership is accepted in place of the PC(USA) standards (like ordination exams).

The following are denominations that the PCU(USA) is in historic correspondence and whose ministers may serve as pulpit supply and administer the sacraments, providing approval from their denominational jurisdiction and the Commission on Ministry of the Presbytery.

No minister from these denominations may be considered for installed position, nor are they allowed to serve as moderators of sessions. Only ministers from Full Communion denominations may be installed and serve as moderators (marked with an * below).

After being interviewed by the Presbytery’s Commission on Ministry and as part of the approval of relationship, the ecumenical ministers must be oriented to the PC(USA) theology (Book of Confessions), governance (Book of Order), and worship standards (Directory for Worship, and Book of Common Worship (2018) as example).

This list is always being updated. Always ask the Stated Clerk to make sure the PC(USA) is still in correspondence with these denominations BEFORE approving a contract or pulpit supply relationship.

African Methodist Episcopal Church

The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada

Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America

The Episcopal Church (USA)
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*
Hungarian Reformed Church in America*
International Council of Community Churches
Korean Presbyterian Church Abroad (KPCA)*
Korean Presbyterian Church in America*
Moravian Church in America, Northern and Southern Provinces*
National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.
National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.
Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.
Reformed Church in America*
United Church of Christ*
The United Methodist Church

(* = Full Communion Partner)