Presbytery of Carlisle
Guidelines for Adding Non-Minister Members
To the Pulpit Supply List

According to the PC (USA) Book of Order, "the preaching of the Word shall ordinarily be done by a Minister of the Word and Sacrament … or other person authorized by the Presbytery… with the concurrence of the session (W-2.2007). Also, worship of the PC (USA) should be guided by the historic experience of the Church at worship through the ages, especially in the Reformed Tradition (W-3.1001).

With this as a preamble, the Presbytery will normally consider, but not be limited to, a request to be added to the Pulpit Supply List from a non-minister member if she or he is: an ordained pastor from another Christian denomination; a Commission Lay Pastor or Certified Christian Educator moving into the Presbytery; a person with a Master of Divinity degree from an accredited seminary who is not seeking ordination.

Therefore, the Presbytery of Carlisle shall use the following guidelines when considering a non-minister member's request to be added to the Pulpit Supply List.

1. Any Commissioned Lay Pastor commissioned by the Presbytery of Carlisle will be added to the Pulpit Supply List at her/his request.
2. Any Certified Christian Educator who is an ordained elder and who is currently serving or who has served a congregation within the bounds of the Presbytery will be added to the Pulpit Supply List at her/his request.
3. Requests from all others will require submission of the following to the Chair of the Credentials Sub-Committee of the Committee on Ministry (COM):
    a. Completion of the attached form "Application for Pulpit Supply List";
    b. A Statement of Faith (one page);
    c. A biographical statement (one page);
    d. Completion of the Presbytery's security clearance process:
    e. Completion of the Presbytery's Sexual Misconduct Policy form;
4. Upon receipt of the above, the Chair of the Credentials Sub-Committee will schedule an exam with the applicant followed by an exam by the COM on the recommendation of the Credentials Sub-Committee.

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