

Introducing...

Minister's Milestones

Healthy supportive congregations celebrate the milestones in members' lives. Since ministers are members of Presbytery, rather than the congregation or ministry they serve and lead, healthy supportive Presbyteries celebrate with their pastors.

Your Coordinating Council invites you to experiment with a fun time celebrating Minister's Milestones at our Stated Meetings.

Of course we can't celebrate what we don't know about. In your meeting folder you'll find a Minister's Milestones slip on which you can tell the Moderator of any milestones that have occurred in any Presbytery pastor's life since our last meeting (approximately). Everyone is invited to submit a slip for any pastor; pastors can even submit a slip for themselves.

Here are examples of the kinds of Minister's Milestones we want to acknowledge briefly (should have occurred since the last Presbytery meeting):

- Pastor Birthday
- Anniversary of service in local congregation
- Anniversary of pastor ordination
- Accomplishment: book published, award received, tenure granted, entry into Guinness Book of World Records, election to office, completion of advanced degree (beyond M.Div.), or any other milestone.
- Birth, adoption, or marriage
- Change of call: leaving Presbytery, moving to call within Presbytery
- 1st Meeting after Ordination or Installation

Deaths, retirements, granting of Emeritus status, 1st meeting, etc., will be observed at other times in the meeting as usual. Prayer concerns should be submitted in the usual fashion; they will be included in the closing prayer for the meeting.

The Moderator or an appointee will share all submitted Milestones during the meeting; s/he can only acknowledge what has been submitted. When in doubt for yourself or a clergy friend, submit a slip. Better to get two slips about the same thing than none.

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The Presbytery of Carlisle

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Pastor's Name:

Milestone (Describe):

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Minister's Milestones Explained

Here are examples of Minister's Milestones that we want to acknowledge briefly. These should have occurred since approximately the last Presbytery meeting:

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- Accomplishment: book published, award received, tenure granted, entry into Guinness Book of World Records, election to office, completion of advanced degree (beyond M.Div.), or any other milestone.
- Birth, adoption, or marriage
- Change of call: leaving Presbytery, moving to call within Presbytery
- 1st Meeting after Ordination or Installation
- Anything else we want to celebrate in a Pastor's life

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