



Charleston Atlantic Presbytery Member-at-Large Policy

A Member-at-Large is a Minister of the Word and Sacrament who has previously been admitted to the presbytery or another presbytery as an active member, and who now, without intentional abandonment of the exercise of ministry, is no longer engaged in a ministry that complies with all the criteria for a validated ministry due to family responsibilities or other individual circumstances recognized by the Commission on Ministry.

A Member-at-Large is entitled to take part in the meetings of presbytery and to speak, vote and hold office. A minister granted member-at-large status is expected to be involved in a PC (U.S.A.) congregation or Formula of Agreement* congregation, to attend presbytery meetings, and to demonstrate active involvement in the mission of the presbytery (such as serving on a Presbytery ministry team) with the intention of returning to active member status.

Ministers granted Member-at-Large status are required to submit an annual report using the online form by April 1 of each year.

The Commission on Ministry will annually review the status of Members-at-Large using the guidelines of the Book of Order (G-2.0503b) and the presbytery's current policy. If a minister fails for three consecutive years to abide by the expectations of a Member-at-large, or during that time is not transferred to a validated ministry or honorably retired status, the teaching elder shall be removed from the rolls as a minister member of the presbytery (G-2.0508).

Concerns or questions regarding this policy should be directed to the chair of the Commission on Ministry.

*Through the adoption of *A Formula of Agreement* in 1997, four churches of Reformation heritage, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Reformed Church in America, and the United Church of Christ entered into a relationship of full communion.