

## DENVER PRESBYTERY POLICY

### Regarding Ministers Recognized as Pastoral Counselors or Therapists

1. The minister shall be registered with the State of Colorado as a licensed or non-licensed therapist per *Colorado Mental Health Licensing statute 12-43-220*. If laboring with permission outside Presbytery bounds, the minister shall register with the state of residency.
2. The minister shall be certified, or in candidacy with a professional organization(s) such as AAPC, AAMFT, or ACSW regulating his/her field. Licensure by the state shall meet this criterion.
3. The minister shall be in good standing and practice within the boundaries and ethical standards of that certification, registration, licensure or candidacy.
4. The minister shall provide evidence that his/her work is covered by professional liability insurance.
5. For those ministers not in compliance with these requirements, the following process shall be used:
  - a. The minister shall be notified in writing of his/her non-compliance and shall be requested to take immediate action to remedy the situation.
  - b. The Committee on Ministry shall consult with the minister to clarify and encourage the necessary action.
  - c. If, after ninety (90) days following notification, the minister remains in non-compliance, he/she shall be informed that permission to continue in his/her ministry in service beyond the jurisdiction of the church shall not be granted, in accordance with G-11.0411. The Presbytery may take action to declare the work of the minister disapproved. This shall apply to all Ministers of Word and Sacrament, including honorably retired members, members-at-large and inactive members. If the minister persists in that work, the presbytery may presume that the minister has renounced the jurisdiction of the church in accordance with G-6.0503.

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