Pulpit Supply List Guidelines

Presbytery of Baltimore
Adopted February 2015, amended November 2022

A. The Pulpit Supply list for the Presbytery of Baltimore will include the following:

1. Current teaching elders (TE), at their request, in the Presbytery who are either in special ministries or have been honorably retired.

2. Approved Commissioned Ruling Elders (CRE) at their request.

3. Ruling Elders (RE) upon the recommendation of their church's session and pastor.

4. Teaching Elders (TE) from any denomination with whom we are in correspondence provided there is a positive recommendation from that denomination's local authority body. (e.g.: Presbytery, Conference, Bishop)

5. Credentials shall have the authority to approve additional qualified person for inclusion on the Pulpit Supply List.

B. This list will be the responsibility of Credentials under the direction of and accountable to the Committee on Ministry.

1. An individual wanting his/her name included on the Pulpit Supply List must complete the Pulpit Supply Information Form and forward it to the Office Administrator.

2. The Office Administrator emails a copy to Credentials to review and record.

3. The Office Administrator will select the pertinent information to include on the Pulpit Supply List.

C. Criteria for Removal

1. Failure to arrive on time to lead worship and preach. Exceptions: Unexcepted mechanical or weather-related issues that prevent travel.

2. Personal or family emergency: The preacher should contact the church's clerk of session or another officiating person as quickly as possible so replacement can be secured.

3. Allegations: If a church has complaints, it will be brought to the attention of Credentials, the COM, the session, and the preacher involved for resolution.

D. It is Credentials responsibility to request the Office Administrator to email the Pulpit Supply List Yearly Update Form to those on the Pulpit Supply List on or about October 1 to be returned to the Office Administrator by October 31.