

## **Presbytery of Ohio Valley Committee on Ministry**

### **Eligibility Criteria for Pulpit Supply List Inclusion**

The Pulpit Supply List is to assist congregations that need to find an individual to temporarily fill the pulpit for worship services. The Pulpit Supply List is a commissioned responsibility assigned to the Committee on Ministry of POV.

- \*Teaching Elder members of POV in good standing will be included on the list by that member's request.
- \*Ruling Elders who are members of POV congregations will be given consideration for inclusion.
- \*Teaching Elders who are members in good standing of neighboring presbyteries will be given consideration for inclusion.
- \*Inquirers or Candidates from POV or other presbyteries and, in particular, those attending area seminaries, will be considered for inclusion on the list.
- \*Ministers in good standing from other denominations that are in correspondence with the General Assembly of the PC(USA ) may be considered for inclusion on the list when necessitated by POV mission strategy. The educational standards of the "other denomination" will reflect a similar commitment to PC(USA)'s requirements for preparation for ministry.

A condition of being included in the list is an understanding and honoring of the following standards:

- \*Any service more than three worship services in a month requires a Temporary Pastor contract.
- \*Three Sunday services for multiple months requires review by COM.
- \*Serving as a Pulpit Supply is not an entry point for longer term service.
- \*Pulpit Supply service is not a pastoral relationship.
- \*COM must be notified by the clerk of session and the pulpit supply preacher when the congregation or Pulpit Supply begins to consider longer service.