

Heartland Presbytery
COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

HEARTLAND PRESBYTERY
2010 Pulpit Supply Policy

The Presbytery is responsible for approving all persons who preach in the pulpits of the congregations of the Presbytery, including those who serve as temporary supply (pulpit supply) preachers.

The Committee on Ministry shall provide a list of persons who are minister members of the Presbytery*, have been authorized to preach, or have been trained and commissioned by the Presbytery to supply vacant pulpits. While Presbyterian Elders as well as ministers of other denominations may be available and willing to preach, they must first be authorized to do so by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of the Presbytery. In an emergency situation where a previously authorized preacher is not able to serve on a given Sunday or time of worship due to health, weather, or other emergency circumstances, an elder of that congregation may lead worship and deliver a message or sermon without prior authorization, for that Sunday only.

Recognized minister members of the Presbytery, trained Commissioned Lay Pastors, and Candidates under care of the Presbytery (who have been approved by the CPM to preach) may, upon request and consent of COM, be added to the Presbytery's Pulpit Supply List.

Presbyterian Elders, PC(USA) Ministers who are not members of Heartland Presbytery and ministers of other denominations shall meet the following requirements before being added to the Presbytery's Pulpit Supply List:

*Meet with a representative of COM to assess theology, understandings of Presbyterian government, and their reasons for wanting to be included on the Pulpit Supply List.

*Provide a sample sermon in manuscript form, that includes an outline of the exegetical method used to move from the biblical text(s) to sermon.

*Sign the Sexual Misconduct Self Certification Form (attached), and be subject to any background/reference checks that may be required of minister members of the Presbytery.

In addition, ministers from other denominations shall be required to present a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university and a theological degree from an institution acceptable to the Presbytery.

COM shall annually review those on the Pulpit Supply List, and distribute an updated list to the Presbytery in the first quarter of the new year.

Those interested in being on the Pulpit Supply List should contact the COM Moderator.

