



The Presbytery of  
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## Parish Associate Policy

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Sessions may appoint teaching elders who are retired, members at large, or engaged in validated ministries as Parish Associates.

There shall be an appointment agreement that specifies duties and any compensation arrangements. This appointment should be reviewed and renewed annually by the session.

Parish Associate appointments should be reported to the Connecting Our Ministry Committee for approval to verify that the teaching elder is a member of the presbytery in good standing.

Parish Associate appointments are extended and terminated by the session. If the pastor of a congregation ends service to the congregation, the session should review parish associate appointments. The departure of a pastor does not terminate the parish associate relationship.