

**POLICY NUMBER 6
PASTORAL CHANGES**

Dissolving the Pastoral Relationship:

- A. When a pastor makes the decision to conclude service to a church, he/she shall consult with the Committee on Ministry (COM) before taking such action and before notifying the session and congregation. The COM will interpret to the pastor the process of dissolution and the action to be taken.
- B. When the pastor announces the intent to terminate to the session, a member of the COM shall be present to interpret to the session the process of dissolution and actions to be taken, and provide advice on securing an interim pastor and the process for calling a new pastor.
- C. The PNC receives Pastor Information Forms (PIF) from any and all of several sources: Church Leadership Connection, Self-Referrals, the COM, members, etc. The PNC is careful to receive forms from qualified candidates without regards to age, sex, family composition, or other matters not bearing on the ability to fully perform the described job. Suitability is judged by the PNC and COM and personal interviews shall not be carried out before concurrence of the COM is received. Prior to said interview, the COM representative shall discuss the policies and programs of the Presbytery and answer questions relating there-to.
- D. When the PNC, COM, and the candidate are in agreement on intention to call, the Session shall call for a congregational meeting, usually following a Worship service, for the purpose of VOTING on the recommendation of the PNC to call the candidate to ministry of the particular church. The congregation shall also elect one or more com missionaries to prosecute the call before presbytery, A COM member shall be present at this meeting.
- E. If Presbytery concurs with the call it shall proceed to examine, request transfer if from outside the bounds of presbytery, and enroll the candidate, and to ordain and/or install the pastor in the particular church, through its chosen commission elected for that purpose
- F. During the entire pastor-seeking process, it is understood that the PNC should keep all matters regarding candidates and their deliberations confidential. However, it is suggested that periodic general progress reports be made to the Session.

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Revised	17 September 2001
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**POLICY NUMBER 8
SPECIAL OFFERINGS**

It is suggested that offerings received during Installations and/or Ordination Services be used to fund the Nevada Inquirers/Candidate Assistance, when appropriate. Should there be no candidates, the funds shall be used to assist CLP candidates to pursue accreditation. It is an Extra Opportunity Fund.

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POLICY NUMBER 19 CONFERENCE CALLS

Council, committees, commissions, task forces and other groups elected/appointed by presbytery may meet by conference call when a face to face meeting is not possible or the best use of stewardship resources. All other requirements for a meeting shall be met, including the requirement that all participants in the meeting are able to communicate simultaneously with all others present.

Adopted	22 July 2006
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3.0000 Meetings

The Presbytery shall ordinarily hold two (2) Stated Meetings each year and September with the time and place to be determined by the Stated Clerk and the Chair of Presbytery Council.

3.0100 The docket for each meeting shall be set by the Stated Clerk and the Chair of the Presbytery Council.

3.0200 Special Presbytery Meetings

The Moderator shall call a special meeting at the request, or with the concurrence, of two (2) Teaching Elders and two (2) Ruling Elders, the Ruling Elders being from different churches. Should the Moderator be unable to act, the Stated Clerk shall, under the same conditions, issue the call. If both Moderator and Stated Clerk are unable to act, any three (3) Teaching Elders and three (3) Ruling Elders, the elders being of different churches, may call a special meeting.