

(CP) COMMISSIONED PASTOR
Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley
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COVENANT AGREEMENT (Approved 08/05/2025)

I, _____ agree to function within the requirements as stated in all the articles of procedures, process, and responsibilities as they apply to the office of Commissioned Pastor (CP) in the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley, and further understand and agree to the following:

1. In preparation for this office, I agree to prepare for and attend all classes and educational events provided by the Presbytery.
2. I agree to participate in the 10-hour annual continuing education required and sponsored by the Presbytery. If I cannot attend the Presbytery-sponsored training, I am responsible for securing other training which must be approved by the Commission on Ministry (COM).
3. I understand that I am to provide a written report annually to the COM in January detailing my preaching activity and other missional service, and my annual continuing education for the previous year.
4. I understand there is no guarantee that I will be commissioned to a particular church or other mission once all training and other requirements are met.
5. If I am commissioned to a particular church or other validated service, I will try to attend Presbytery meetings or otherwise seek an excuse from the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery. I understand that **only if I am commissioned** to a particular church or other validated ministry that I am given Presbytery vote in accordance with SR-3.0104b. However, I will have vote if I am my home church's commissioner for that particular Presbytery meeting.
6. I understand that if I am commissioned to a particular church or ministry, I can perform the functions listed in G-2.1001 for only that particular congregation or ministry in accordance with G-2.1002. I agree not to overstep the authority granted to me by my commissioning.
7. Approval has been given by the Presbytery for CPs not commissioned to any particular congregation to officiate at the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper if requested by the Session of a particular church. A CP **CANNOT** officiate at the Sacrament of Baptism unless commissioned to a particular church. In the State of Alabama a CP may perform a service of Christian Marriage if requested by the Session of a particular church.

8. I understand that I have no standing beyond the boundaries of the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley.

Commissioned Pastor

DATE

Commission on Ministry Representative

DATE