

PEACE RIVER PRESBYTEY

POLICY REGARDING

PARISH ASSOCIATES

1. **(G-14.0570) - Parish Associate Relationship**

A Parish Associate is a minister who serves in some validated ministry other than the local parish, or is a member-at-large, or is retired, but who wishes to maintain a relationship with a particular church or churches in keeping with ordination to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament. Such persons, already qualified as continuing members of presbytery may serve as parish associates. The relation shall be established, upon nomination by the pastor, between the parish associate, the session and the presbytery. The parish associate shall be responsible to the pastor, as head of staff, on an “as needed, as available” basis and with or without remuneration.

(Note: While a church ordinarily has only one parish associate at a time, there is nothing in the Book of Order that prohibits multiple parish associates.)

2. **(G-14.0571) - May Not Be Next Installed Pastor**

A Parish Associate may not be called to be the next installed pastor or associate pastor of a church served as parish associate, unless at least six months have elapsed since the end of the parish associate relationship.

3. **(G-14.0572) - Presbytery Oversight**

The Presbytery shall adopt policies and procedures for oversight by the committee on ministry of the parish associate relationships of its minister members and the churches under care, including annual review.

C.O.M. will have the over-site on:

- the time and energy required as a parish associate will not interfere unduly with the work of the person in his or her principal function;
- that installed leadership of the particular church be protected in its effective functioning;
- that the parish associate continue to meet the criteria for continuing membership in the presbytery based on other than this relationship to a particular church.

4. **(G-14.0573) – Termination of the Relationship**

The agreement between the session, the parish associate, and the presbytery shall terminate when the call to the installed pastor is dissolved. The presbytery may dissolve the relationship with the parish associate upon the recommendation of the committee on ministry.