

PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY

RECEIVING HONORABLY RETIRED MINISTERS INTO PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY

Honorably Retired Presbyterian (U.S.A.) ministers seeking membership will be received into Presbytery the same way active ministers are received, (including a P.I.F. and a Statement of Faith) **regardless** of whether or not the person expresses a desire to work within the bounds of Presbytery or just live here.

This policy is based on the following:

1. When we receive an HR Minister into the Presbytery, he/she is entitled to vote on any or every issue that comes before Presbytery.
2. He/She may honestly feel that they do not want to participate in the life of the Presbytery but after a few months of retirement he/she may want to do supply preaching or even an interim. Having already been received into the Presbytery, they could become active.
3. We need to examine the theology of the person so as to admit those who fall within the wide parameters of our theological ethos.
4. We need to impress upon those applying, that we take this seriously and so should he/she.
5. We make a statement to the Presbytery that we have done due diligence and present him/her for their affirmation.

Policy #30

First Reading: 12/12/06

Second Reading: 1/9/07

Distributed: 2/13/07