

COM Policy for Laboring Within and Without the Bounds

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Every minister shall ordinarily be a member of the presbytery where his or her work is situated or of the presbytery where he or she resides **(G-3.0306)**

1. **Laboring outside the Bounds:** Teaching elders who are members of National Capital Presbytery (NCP), who wish to labor outside the bounds, are automatically granted permission to do so if the following criteria are met:
 - a. The minister is in good standing within NCP and his or her service is not restricted in any fashion by prior disciplinary action or COM oversight.
 - b. The presbytery of labor gives permission, if it is required.
 - c. The work performed does not extend beyond one month in duration.
 - d. The work does not involve service at a congregation or with a member previously served by the teaching elder as an installed, interim or stated supply pastor or associate pastor. (See "Former Pastor Policy" posted on www.thepresbytery.org)

When the above criteria are met, the labor is approved.

When any one of these criteria is not met the request must come to the COM Coordinating Commission for approval.

2. **Laboring within the Bounds:** Teaching elders who are members of other presbyteries who wish to labor within the bounds of National Capital Presbytery (NCP), are automatically granted permission to do so if the following criteria are met:
 - a. The minister is in good standing in their home presbytery and whose service is not restricted in any fashion by prior disciplinary actions or COM oversight.
 - b. The work performed does not extend beyond one month in duration.
 - c. The work does not involve service at a congregation or with a member previously served by the teaching elder as an installed, interim or stated supply pastor or associate pastor. (See "Former Pastor Policy" posted on www.thepresbytery.org)

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