

**CALL TO A VALIDATED MINISTRY
OUTSIDE THE BOUNDS OF PRESBYTERY**

The Presbytery of _____, being satisfied with your qualifications as a Minister of the Word, and trusting that your ministry will:

- Be in demonstrable conformity with the mission of God’s people in the world as set forth in Holy Scripture, the **Westminster Confession of Faith**, and the **Book of Order** of this Church;
- Be appropriate in nature to the Gospel ministry;
- Give evidence of fidelity to God’s Word and faithfulness to the Gospel;
- Be carried on in accountability for its spiritual character and ecclesiastical conduct to the Presbytery and other organizations and agencies of this Church;

Solemnly acknowledges that you,

(Name of Teaching Elder)

have been called to perform a special ministry as

(Pastor/Teacher/Evangelist/Administrator/Chaplain – Position Title)

in the employ of

(Name and address of calling agency)

We covenant with you our support and encouragement as together we seek to serve the Lord, who calls us to ministry in every aspect of life. We join you in the goals and working relationships agreed upon and in your commitment to fulfill your ministry as described below:

In its concern for the welfare of its members, the presbytery promises to review this call annually.

Signed,
(1) Presbytery Representative: _____ Date: _____

(2) Teaching Elder accepting call: _____ Date: _____

(3) This call was approved and renewed for the year 20 ____ on _____ (date)

(4) Calling Agency Representative: _____

Original to (2) person called. Copies to: (1) Presbytery Stated Clerk, (3) Ministerial Committee, (4) Calling Agency

TERMS OF CALL

**Minister
Serving Outside the Bounds of Presbytery**

The Presbytery of _____ of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, has agreed to approve the call by _____ to have you, _____, serve as _____. In approving this call to you to serve in this capacity outside the bounds of presbytery, we commit ourselves to support you in prayer, in fellowship and in the spiritual work of ministry.

This document confirms that we have assigned and designated you to perform the ministerial services, in fulfillment of the ministry, and with the calling agency, all as described in the attached **Call to a Validated Ministry Outside the Bounds of Presbytery**. We recognize these services as furthering the purposes of your ordination in the exercise of your ministry.

Your ministry pursuant to this Call is to be performed under the ecclesiastical authority, and as a ministry agent, of this Church. However, you are not an agent of this Church in the legal sense. Thus, you may not exercise any authority to bind this Church to any contracts or agreements, nor can you commit this church to fulfill any other legal obligation.

As a minister serving outside the bounds of presbytery, you will be employed by the calling agency, not this Church. You will be subject to the supervision of your calling agency with respect to the time, place or manner of your ministry. Any financial relationships or legal accountability regarding your ministry will be undertaken solely through the calling agency. Your accountability to us is related solely to spiritual and ecclesiastical matters.

Your eligibility to claim any special tax benefits or privileges available to a minister of the gospel under federal law may be jeopardized if any of the following apply to your ministry as described above: 1) the calling agency did not arrange with the Church for your services; 2) you perform services for the calling agency that other employees of the calling agency who are not ministers are performing; or 3) you perform the same services before and after obtaining this document from us.

In testimony whereof we have subscribed our names on behalf of the Presbytery as of this date of

_____, 20 _____.

(Stated Clerk)

(Ministerial Committee Chairman)

I, _____ having moderated the meeting which extended the call to _____ for ministerial services, certify that the call was made in complete conformity with the *Book of Government*, and that the persons signing the call were authorized to do so by vote of the Presbytery.

(Moderator of the Meeting)

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