

Expectations for Authorized Ministers to maintain standing
Kansas-Oklahoma Conference UCC
Committee on Ministry A

EXPECTATIONS BY STATUS

Find the status that describes you and all expectations are listed in that section.

All authorized ministers serving actively in a ministry setting:

- Yearly Information Review Form
- Boundary Training every three years.
- 6-9 hours of Continuing Education
- Attend Annual Meeting

Exempt Standing - Authorized ministers who have applied for and been granted Exempt Standing; usually fully retired, no longer able or wanting to serve the church in an authorized capacity:

- Yearly Information Review Form

Leave of Absence:

- Yearly Information Review Form
- Other expectations for ministers on Leave of Absence are determined on a case-by-case in consultation with the Committee on Ministry.

A WORD ABOUT RETIREMENT

The language of “retirement” in the UCC is for Pension Board purposes only. In the Kansas-Oklahoma Conference, authorized ministers who are receiving pension benefits and consider themselves “retired” but are engaged in ministry of any kind, including but not limited to funerals, weddings, pulpit supply, and leading Bible studies, are considered “active” and still subject to expectations as noted above. Those no longer engaging in ministry of any kind may apply for Exempt Standing and as noted above, are only responsible for the Annual Information Review Form. To be considered for Exempt Standing, please contact the KO Registrar to request application for Exempt Standing or find it on the KO website here: <https://www.kocucc.org/local-church-resources>

ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON EXPECTATIONS FOR STANDING

Annual Meeting

Attendance is expected for all authorized ministers actively serving in a ministry setting, unless there are extenuating circumstances. Please contact the Conference Minister or Committee or Ministry A Chair if you are unable to attend Annual Meeting.

Boundary Training

Boundary Training is offered every year at Annual Meeting and ministers are encouraged to attend that training. Topics rotate every three years. Ministers needing to take a training will receive a reminder before Annual Meeting. Ministers unable to attend the training at Annual Meeting must replace it with a similar training elsewhere, and send proof of completion to the Registrar.

Continuing Education (as of January 1, 2018)

6-9 hours per year are expected, with these expectations:

- The opportunity shall be related to and enhance your ministry;
- Six or less of those hours can be individual study, reporting books read and insights gained;
- Specific opportunities that count towards the expectation: Annual Meeting workshops, webinars, special events offered by the Conference, boundary training if taken that year.

You will be responsible for tracking this information and reporting it on the information review form.

Yearly Information Review Form

This brief form is sent at the beginning of each year to update the Committee on Ministry on your ministry in the past year, and ensure the Conference has updated contact information.

FUNDING

Funding to attend Annual Meeting and to engage in Continuing Education are expected compensation items for ministers, according to Conference guidelines. However, if for some reason, funds to attend remain a hardship, financial assistance may be available from the Conference on a case-by-case basis. More information is available by contacting the Conference Minister.

CONTACTS

This information is current as of January 2022 and is subject to change. The most current information can be found by contacting the Conference directly.

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