

Pittsburgh Presbytery
Pastoral Vitality – Commission on Ministry
Ethical Training Requirements

Anyone who is actively engaged in ministry in Pittsburgh Presbytery shall

- Complete the currently offered ethical training within their first two years.
- Thereafter, complete 1 elective every two years.

Actively engaged in ministry within Pittsburgh Presbytery is defined as:

- Teaching elders currently serving in a pastoral position within a congregation.
- Commissioned Pastors and Certified Christian Educators currently serving within a congregation.
- Teaching elders serving in a validated ministry role.
- All teaching elders participating in pastoral services including: pulpit supply, moderating sessions, occasional pastoral care, teaching within a congregation and/or serving as a Parish Associate.

Compliance Requirements:

- Failure to complete requirements will be reported as part of any reference check to another Presbytery and/or to a COM Clearance Committee.
- A continued pattern of non-compliance with this policy will result in COM requesting the Stated Clerk place a notation on the minister's file with the Office of the General Assembly. This notation would be removed when the requirements are completed.

Responsibility for Ethical Training Electives

- Pastoral Vitality will facilitate two additional elective offerings per year

Waivers, Exemptions, and Substitutions

- Pastoral Vitality shall review any request for a waiver, exemption, or substitution for any of the requirements and recommend the approval or disapproval of those requests by Commission on Ministry.

Adopted by Pastoral Vitality: May 4th, 2021