



RELEVANT DISCIPLINARY REFERENCE

¶ 347.7 *Transfers*— Clergy who are retired, on medical leave, or on sabbatical leave and reside in another annual conference may at their own initiative apply to the conference Board of Ordained Ministry for affiliate membership in the annual conference where they reside. By a two-thirds vote of the executive session, such clergy may be received with rights and privileges, including service on conference boards, agencies, taskforces, and committees, with voice but without vote. Voting membership shall be retained in the clergy member’s home annual conference for the duration of affiliate member relationship. Such persons may serve on the board, agency, taskforce, or committee of only one annual conference at any one time.

¶ 348. *Affiliate Membership*—Ordained clergy who reside or are appointed outside the boundary of their home annual conference and are either on sabbatical leave (¶ 352), voluntary leave (¶ 354), medical leave (¶ 357), are retired (¶ 358), appointed to extension ministries (¶ 344), appointed beyond the local church (¶ 331), or to a local church (¶ 346.1) may, at their own initiative, apply to the Board of Ordained Ministry for affiliate membership in the annual conference. By a two-thirds vote of the clergy session, such clergy may be received with rights and privileges, including service on conference boards, agencies, task forces, and committees, with voice but without vote. Voting membership shall be retained in the clergy member’s home annual conference for the duration of affiliate membership. Such persons may only serve on boards, agencies, task forces, or committees of one annual conference at any one time. Nomination to general Church boards and agencies and election as delegates to General, central, and jurisdictional conferences shall originate in the appointee’s home annual conference.

SOUTH CAROLINA POLICY/PROCESS CHECKLIST

Steps:

1. Request is written to Board of Ordained Ministry in the conference in which the clergy resides. In South Carolina the letter should be sent to the Office of Clergy Services (clergyservices@umcsc.org).
2. The Executive Committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry (or another designated interview team) may or may not request an interview.
3. The clergy may by two thirds vote of the Clergy Session be received into Affiliate Membership

What to Expect

1. Those serving in Extension Ministry must submit an annual report to their home conference using their conference’s form. A copy of the completed form must be sent to the resident bishop of the conference in which the clergy is appointed. In South Carolina the report is: www.cognitofrms.com/ClergyServices1/ExtensionMinistryAnnualReport
2. Those on leave of absence must submit an annual report to their home conference using their conference’s form. A copy of the completed form must be sent to the resident bishop of the conference in which the clergy is appointed. In South Carolina the report is: www.cognitofrms.com/ClergyServices1/LeaveOfAbsenceReport