

PROTOCOL ON BOUNDARIES

Lambton Presbytery approved by a Motion, the distribution of this memo regarding boundaries and the Secretary of Lambton Presbytery was requested in the Motion to transmit said memo by Email or Canada Post, as is necessary, to all persons under the category of Paid Accountable Ministry (Active, Inactive, Retired) and to all Official Boards, Sessions or their equivalents.” June 19, 2003.

FROM: LAMBTON PRESBYTERY MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION DIVISION

TO: ALL CONGREGATIONS, BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS IN PAID ACCOUNTABLE MINISTRY OF LAMBTON PRESBYTERY

The Ministry Personnel and Education Committee of Lambton Presbytery would like to convey a reminder to all Pastoral Charges and individuals in Paid Accountable Ministry (Ordained, Commissioned, Appointed, Settled, Called, Retired) of required procedure dealing with Baptism, Weddings and Funerals.

To the Congregations we would like to say that once your Minister has accepted a Call or Appointment to a new Pastoral Charge and that Call or Appointment has become effective, they are no longer your Minister. As such, functions such as Baptism, Weddings and Funerals within your Pastoral Charge are no longer to be performed by them.

If you are between Ministers, your Pastoral Charge Supervisor (appointed by Presbytery when your Minister requests a Change in Pastoral Relations) will arrange for individuals to perform these services.

Your previous Minister may remain a friend but they are no longer your Minister and as such are not allowed to preside at the fore mentioned services.

To the Paid Accountable Ministers (Ordained, Commissioned, Appointed, Settled, Called, Retired) we would like to say that once your contract with the Pastoral Charge has ended, so has your function as their Minister. Returning to the Pastoral Charge must only be done in the capacity of a friend, never as their Minister. Failure to abide by this rule undermines the Pastoral Function of the Presbytery and the newly Appointed or Called Ministry personnel.

We regret that past failure to follow this policy has made it necessary for us to send this reminder and trust that Congregations and Ministry personnel will adhere to these requirements in the future.

In Christ's Service
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