

- 4.11 A Minister Emeritus needs no Credentials and may continue to administer the Sacraments. (See paras 4.12(g), 16.129.)
- 4.12 Ministers are authorised to administer the sacraments only if they
- (a) are serving in a pastoral charge or a position in the Church to which they have been called or appointed; or
 - (b) are serving in a position to which this Church has seconded them or for which it has accredited them; or
 - (c) are in the process of being called or appointed to a pastoral charge or position in this Church or being seconded by it to a position in or outside this Church; or
 - (d) are Ministers-without-Charge in terms of para 16.19; or
 - (e) have been admitted to the Ministry of another recognised Church in terms of para 16.32.1 or 16.32.2; or
 - (f) are Ministers-in-Association in terms of para 16.162; or
 - (g) are Ministers Emeriti (para 4.11).
- (See para 16.20.)
- 4.13 The Moderator of a Council of this Church may invite a Minister of any branch of the one holy catholic Church to administer the sacraments and ordinances in this Church, provided that the Minister does so in a form that accords with the orders prescribed in the *Service Book and Ordinal* of this Church (para 1.7).
- 4.14 If the Moderator of General Assembly is an Elder, the Assembly may license him/her to administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper while in office according to the orders prescribed in the *Service Book and Ordinal* (para 12.30).
- 4.15 If the Moderator of Presbytery is an Elder, Presbytery may license him/her to administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper while in office according to the order prescribed in the *Service Book and Ordinal*. The Elder must first have been instructed in the doctrine and practice of the Sacraments and satisfied the General Assembly's Ministry Committee as to his/her understanding of the Sacrament (para 10.15).
- 4.16 As a special dispensation for a specified time Presbytery may license a Church Development Evangelist (CDE), in his/her capacity as an Elder and a Lay Preacher in the Order of Lay Ministries, to administer the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper according to the order prescribed in the *Service Book and Ordinal*. This must be because the CDE is serving in a remote location that cannot easily obtain the services of an ordained minister to dispense the sacraments regularly. The CDE must first have been instructed in the doctrine and practice of the Sacraments, have satisfied General Assembly's Ministry Committee as to his/her understanding of the Sacrament and have fulfilled any other requirements of that Committee. (On CDEs see para 16.131-137.)
- 4.17 As a special dispensation Presbytery may license an ordained Elder who is a Lay Preacher in the Order of Lay Ministries to administer the sacraments within its boundaries and according to the orders prescribed in the *Service Book and Ordinal*. This must be because he/she is serving either

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- (a) in a remote location that cannot easily obtain the services of an ordained minister to dispense the sacraments regularly or
- (b) in another location where the Presbytery deems that the circumstances make such a step appropriate.

In either case the Elder must first have been instructed in the doctrine and practice of the Sacraments and have satisfied General Assembly's Ministry Committee as to his/her understanding of the Sacraments and general fitness.

The Presbytery grants such a license for a year at a time and every year reviews the circumstances prompting the licensing.

- 4.18 As a special dispensation in exceptional circumstances where he/she is appointed as Stated Supply to a Congregation that needs him/her to administer the Sacraments in it, and subject to para 10.27(g), Presbytery may license a part-time Student for the Ministry who is sufficiently mature and a Lay Preacher in the Order of Lay Ministries to administer the sacraments in that Congregation according to the orders prescribed in the *Service Book and Ordinal* and under the supervision of the Interim Moderator. The Student must first have been instructed in the doctrine and practice of the Sacraments and have satisfied General Assembly's Ministry Committee as to his/her understanding of the Sacraments.

The Presbytery grants such a license for a year at a time and every year reviews the circumstances prompting the licensing. (See para 4.17.)

- 4.19 As a special dispensation in exceptional circumstances where he/she is situated in a remote location that cannot easily get an ordained Minister to dispense the sacraments regularly, Presbytery may license a Probationer to administer the Sacraments according to the orders prescribed in the *Service Book and Ordinal* within the Congregation to which he/she is appointed and under the direction of his/her supervisor. The Probationer must first have been instructed in the doctrine and practice of the Sacraments and have satisfied General Assembly's Ministry Committee as to his/her understanding of the Sacraments, and that Committee must have informed Presbytery accordingly. (See para 17.37).

- 4.20 (a) Every Minister is enjoined to preach regularly, at least once or twice a year, on the meaning, significance and power of Holy Communion, in order to promote a right understanding of the sacrament in his/her Congregation.
- (b) Every Minister and Session are enjoined to see that regular instruction in the meaning of Holy Communion is given to the young people in their Congregation.