

This page to be completed by Pastors Serving Outside the Bounds of Presbytery only
CALL TO VALIDATED MINISTRY OUTSIDE THE BOUNDS OF PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery of the East, being satisfied with your qualifications as a Minister of the Word, and trusting that your ministry will:

- 1) Be in demonstrable conformity with the mission of God's people in the world as set forth in Holy Scripture, the Westminster Confession of Faith, and the Book of Order of the EPC;
- 2) Be appropriate in nature to the Gospel Ministry;
- 3) Give evidence of fidelity to God's Word and faithfulness to the Gospel;
- 4) Be carried on in accountability for its spiritual character and ecclesiastical conduct to the Presbytery and other organizations and agencies of the EPC;
- 5) Include responsible participation in the deliberations and work of the Presbytery, and in the worship and service of a congregation/organization;

Solemnly acknowledges that you _____ have been called to perform a special ministry
as a _____ in the employ of the _____
Teaching Elder's Name
Position *Church or Calling Organization*

We covenant with you our support and encouragement as together we seek to serve the Lord, who calls us to ministry in every aspect of life. We join you in the goals and working relationships agreed upon in your ministry described below:

Minister Accepting Call *Calling Agency Representative*

THE CALL FOR MINISTER SERVING OUTSIDE THE BOUNDS OF PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery of the East of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, has agreed to approve the call by:

_____ to have you, _____ serve as _____
Church or Calling Organization *Teaching Elder's Name* *Position*

In approving this call to you to serve in this capacity Outside the Bounds of Presbytery, we commit ourselves to support you in prayer, in fellowship and in the spiritual work of ministry.

This document confirms that we have assigned and designated you to perform the ministerial services, in fulfilment of the ministry and with the calling agency, all as described above. We recognize these services as furthering the purpose of your ordination in the exercise of your ministry.

Your ministry pursuant to this Call is to be performed under the ecclesiastical authority, and as a ministry agent of the EPC. However, you are not an agent of the EPC in the legal sense. Thus, you may not exercise any authority to bind the EPC to any contracts or agreement, nor can you commit the EPC to fulfill any other legal obligation.

As a minister serving outside the bounds of presbytery, you will be employed by the calling agency, not the EPC. You will be subject to the supervision of your calling agency with respect to the time, place or manner of your ministry. Any financial relationships or legal accountability regarding your ministry will be undertaken solely through the calling agency. Your accountability to us is related solely to spiritual and ecclesiastical matters.

Your eligibility to claim any special tax benefits or privileges available to a minister of the Gospel under federal law may be jeopardised if any of the following apply to your ministry as described above: 1) the calling agency did not arrange with the EPC for your services; 2) you perform services for the calling agency that other employees of the calling agency who are not ministers are performing; or 3) you perform the same services before and after obtaining this document from us.

In testimony whereof we have subscribed our names on behalf of the Presbytery as of this date: _____
as authorizes by vote of the Presbytery.

Stated Clerk or Moderator of the Meeting *Ministerial Committee Chair*