

PMT Pulpit Supply Policy, 2024.05.11; amended 2024.09.10; amended 2025.09.09

## Presbytery of Middle Tennessee Pulpit Supply List

The Pulpit Supply List is a roster of available individuals who have expressed their interest in occasional pulpit supply, have been examined by COM, have a current background check, and have Boundary Training as provided by the Presbytery. The Pulpit Supply List is available on the Presbytery's website.

Ordinarily, minister members of this presbytery who are in good standing as well as Ruling Elders who are commissioned or have faithfully completed their commission may be placed on the supply preaching list upon their written request to the chair of the COM.

Reasons and situations for which persons may be temporarily suspended or removed from the Pulpit Supply List include but are not limited to the following:

- Under any type of disciplinary process.
  - While in ecclesiastical litigation (Remedial Complaint) with the presbytery.
  - Who deliberately fail to observe the COM limitations on the frequency of monthly preaching.
  - Evidence of preaching purchased sermons, plagiarism, or sermons from others without acknowledgment.
  - Preaching that is contrary to our Reformed tradition or denominational standards.
  - Continual interference with a previous congregation in violation of the departing pastor policy of the COM.
  - Failure to show up for a preaching commitment on two or more occasions in a 12-month period.
  - Renunciation of jurisdiction of the PCUSA.
  - Other reasons when the mission of the church demands it.
- At the discretion of the COM violations may result in a temporary or permanent suspension from the pulpit supply list. Persons may then request relisting by submitting a written statement of their understanding of the relevant

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policy and their commitment to it. Relisting will be at the discretion of the COM. Normally upon written request and with a positive referral from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, inquirers and candidates may be added to the Pulpit Supply list.