

Amend ¶ 316.1 as follows:

¶ 316. *Responsibilities and Duties of Those Licensed for Pastoral Ministry*—1. Provisional elders approved annually by the Board of Ordained Ministry and local pastors approved annually by the district committee on ordained ministry may be licensed by the bishop to perform all the duties of a pastor (¶ 340), including the sacraments of baptism and Holy Communion as well as the service of marriage (where state laws allow), burial, confirmation, and membership reception, within and while appointed to a particular charge or extension ministry. For the purposes of these paragraphs the charge or extension ministry will be defined as “the people within or related to the community in which it is located.” ~~or ministry setting being served.~~” Those licensed for pastoral ministry may be appointed to extension ministry settings when approved by the bishop and the Board of Ordained Ministry.

RATIONALE:

Variances across districts and conferences can limit the way a licensed local pastor expands the outreach of their church or ministry setting. This clarification allows licensed local pastors to perform ministry in their church’s community, since in some rural areas, where he/she may be the only pastor in the community.