

Prairie to Pine Regional Council Policy Regarding Lengths of Appointments

- Members of the Order of Ministry within the United Church of Canada (ordained or diaconal ministers), active or retired, with updated credentials, are eligible for an appointment **of up to three years**, based on the pastoral year ending June 30 (renewable) or in exceptional situations the end of the calendar year (December 31); Note: Retired Ministry Personnel must wait at least 13 weeks after they begin collecting pension to negotiate an appointment.
- Candidates for Ministry or Designated Lay Ministry Applicants are eligible for appointments of **up to one year at a time**, based on the pastoral year ending June 30, and conditional upon the continuation of their student status
- **Recognized Designated Lay Ministers** are eligible for appointments **of up to three years in length, at a time** based on the pastoral year (renewable)
- **Admissions applicants** are eligible for **an initial appointment of three years in length**, with renewal dependent on their progress on completion of requirements at that point

(The initial policy was approved by the Pastoral Relations Commission and confirmed by the Executive of Prairie to Pine Regional Council on September 18-19, 2019 with amendments approved by Pastoral Relations Commission on March 10, 2020 and the Executive on March 27, 2021)