

Retired Ministry Leaders

ACCREDITATION CATEGORY

Purpose

This category exists to honour ministry leaders who have concluded formal, active vocational ministry while maintaining appropriate accountability, ethical oversight, and a continued relationship within the CBOQ family of churches.

Definition

A Retired Ministry Leader is a person who:

- ▶ Has concluded formal, active vocational ministry in a local church or other recognized ministry context
- ▶ Was previously accredited-licensed or accredited-ordained by CBOQ
- ▶ Desires to remain in good standing with CBOQ following retirement

Retirement refers to a change in vocational status, not a release from ethical responsibility or denominational accountability.

Status and Scope

- ▶ Retired ministry leaders remain accredited under the Retired category
- ▶ Accreditation affirms character, history of service, and ethical accountability
- ▶ Retired accreditation does not presume ongoing authority, appointment, or representation on behalf of CBOQ
- ▶ Any ministry undertaken must be:
 - ◆ Occasional or limited in scope
 - ◆ Invited and locally authorized
 - ◆ Clearly identified as retired or non-vocational

Ministry Participation After Retirement

Retired ministry leaders may, when invited and appropriately authorized, serve in roles such as:

- ▶ Pulpit supply or interim ministry
- ▶ Mentoring or supervision
- ▶ Conflict support or pastoral presence
- ▶ Regional or denominational support roles

All such ministry:

- ▶ Occurs under local church authority
- ▶ Is subject to CBOQ ethical expectations
- ▶ Does not imply a return to active vocational status



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Marriage Licenses

- ▶ Upon retirement, CBOQ will consult with the ministry leader regarding the status of any marriage licence
- ▶ Retention or surrender of a license will be determined based on:
 - ◆ Provincial regulations
 - ◆ Intended scope of ministry
 - ◆ CBOQ policy and accountability requirements
 - ◆ Retiree's willingness to keep marriage license

Accreditation Renewal

Retired ministry leaders are required to renew accreditation every three years.

Renewal requirements include:

- ▶ Active membership in good standing with a CBOQ church
- ▶ Confirmation of good standing from CBOQ church
- ▶ Re-affirmation of the Statement of Ethical Pastoral Conduct
- ▶ Confirmation of retired status and scope of ministry, if any

Transfers

- ▶ Accreditation is not transferred into or out of CBOQ under the Retired category
- ▶ Retired accreditation reflects an ongoing relationship, not vocational placement

Retired – Not Accredited

This designation applies to individuals who:

- ▶ Are retired from vocational ministry
- ▶ Are not accredited by CBOQ
- ▶ Whose ordination or prior credentials are not recognized by CBOQ

Individuals in this category:

- ▶ May receive general communications intended for retirees
- ▶ Do not carry denominational recognition or accountability
- ▶ Are not eligible for accreditation-related privileges or supports