

CRITERIA FOR REGIONAL COUNCIL RECOGNIZED MINISTRIES WITHIN
PRAIRIE TO PINE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prairie to Pine Regional Council Executive approved the use of the criteria recorded in Pastoral Relations: Engaging and Supporting (2013) pages 34-35 for what was previously known as “presbytery recognized ministries to define Regional Council recognized ministries within the bounds of Prairie to Pine Regional Council until/unless criteria for guidelines expanding the scope of ministry recognized by Regional Councils are clarified by General Council

Taken from Pastoral Relations: Engaging and Supporting (2013) pages 34-35: **Based on motion General Council 37 (2000)???:**

Presbytery-recognized ministries must fulfill three criteria:

1. The willingness of the institution to be part of a covenant within the United Church
2. The willingness of the individual to enter into a covenant relationship and be accountable to the presbytery; and
3. The agreement that the individual will be involved in the life of the presbytery and Conference.

The covenant relationship for a presbytery-recognized ministry involves four parties:

- God;
- the presbytery;
- the institution, and
- the ordered ministry

The relationship will not involve the presbytery in the oversight of the institution itself. The presbytery provides support and holds the ordered minister accountable for the faithful exercise of their ordination or diaconal vows, and the Ethical Standards and Standards of Practice of The United Church of Canada, within the presbytery-recognized ministry so that the mission and ministry of the whole church might be strengthened. The presbytery is responsible to make sure that a regular review of the covenant agreement is undertaken.