

Commissioned Lay Pastor Policy
Approved by COM 11/5/07

A Commissioned Lay Pastor (CLP) is a person, who after finishing specialized training, is appointed and commissioned by presbytery to a particular church position.

A person with training is not considered a CLP unless they are actively serving in a commissioned position. Once they have left that position they are not referred to as a CLP.

Transfer of Credentials to Denver Presbytery

A person with training may seek to transfer CLP credentials to Denver Presbytery (in hopes of securing a CLP position) by presenting:

- A record of all course work
- References from his/her presbytery
- References from Individuals who are familiar with his/her work
- COM requires an interview and review by the CLP Task Force, with a recommendation from the Task Force presented to COM

Ordinarily a person with training will be commissioned to a church other than their church of membership. In an unusual circumstance, the COM may revisit this policy.

All Commissioned Lay Pastors in Denver Presbytery are accountable to presbytery through the Committee on Ministry.

Only the Committee on Ministry has the authority to accept, approve and commission Commissioned Lay Pastors.

Only the Committee on Ministry has the authority to open a church position, upon the request of that session, to be filled by a CLP.

Before being considered for a CLP position a candidate must be approved in advance by COM.