Definitions of Annual Progress

For the purposes of quantifying annual progress as a certified candidate or as a local pastor, either full-time or part-time, the policy of the Kentucky Annual conference is that we operate on a calendar year basis.

What this means is that when a dCOM is considering continuation of a candidate or local pastor at their spring meeting, they are considering the progress the person made during the January 1 – December 31 period the previous year. i.e. at a meeting in March of 2007, the committee would be determining if the person had completed the appropriate work during the calendar year of 2006.

What constitutes progress?

Certified Candidate-- ¶ 312.2 says the dCOM is to annually interview the candidate and ensure the s/he is “making satisfactory progress in his/her studies.” The Kentucky Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry defines “satisfactory progress” in this case as 12 semester hours per year, either in college or seminary. This is on a January-December calendar basis, not a school year basis.

Part-time Local Pastor-- ¶ 319.3 states that the part-time local pastor shall complete the Course of Study within twelve years. Satisfactory progress for a part-time local pastor is defined as completion of two courses per calendar year.

Full-time Local Pastor-- ¶ 319.3 states “a full-time local pastor shall complete the Course of Study curriculum within eight years.” Satisfactory progress for a full-time local pastor has been defined as completion of four courses during a calendar year.