Guidelines for Service Setting during Certified Candidacy

¶324.2: Each candidate shall have had a minimum of two (2) years in a service setting as determined by the district committee on ordained ministry as a condition for probationary membership and commissioning. This required service may be concurrent with academic study, provided there is adequate mentoring and supervision in the theology and practice of servant leadership. A service setting shall be in a position approved by the bishop and cabinet in the conference where the candidacy relationship is held, even if the service setting is outside the bounds of the annual conference.

The following service setting standards shall be used for all certified candidates in the Kentucky Conference:

1. All service settings must be recommended by the dCOM and approved by the Cabinet and Bishop.

2. Each semester in a field education experience within a degree program equals ½ year in a service setting. The number of hours per week is set by the school.

3. Each semester in a ministry setting outside a degree program which is at least 10 hours/week equals ½ year in a service setting. Mentoring (i.e. candidacy mentor) and supervision (i.e. Staff Parish Relations Committee, pastor, agency director, etc.) must be clarified.

4. Thirteen weeks during the summer in a ministry setting which is full-time (35 to 40 hours/week) equals one year in a service setting. Thirteen weeks during the summer which is 20 hours/week equals ½ year in a service setting. Mentoring (i.e. candidacy mentor) and supervision (i.e. Staff Parish Relations Committee, pastor, agency director, etc.) must be clarified.

5. Only one year of credit in a service setting will be given in an annual conference year.

6. If the certified candidate is on the elder track, at least one year of the service setting must be in a local church.

7. Clinical Pastoral Education does not count for this service setting.

8. Licensed local pastors fulfill this service setting requirement if they have served two years prior to probationary membership.