

Exempt Standing is a type of ministerial standing for an Ordained Minister who has discerned an end to their career (at any age) and is no longer engaged in professional ministry. Exempt Standing may transfer across Associations and/or may be held in an Association separate from the Association where the minister holds Local Church membership. Ordained Ministers may request to end Exempt Standing and return to Ordained Ministerial Standing to reenter active ministry, however frequent changes in-and-out of Exempt Standing are discouraged as Exempt Standing reflects prayerful discernment of a vocational season apart from the professional mantle of ministry. By maintaining Exempt Standing, ministers are NOT required to complete ongoing requirements of Ordained Ministerial Standing including periodic vocational support meetings, boundary training, diversity training, and continuing education. By maintaining Exempt Standing ministers are to refrain from:

- seeking ministerial positions
- entering into call agreements
- providing pulpit supply
- officiating at weddings and funerals
- serving on committees of the Association, Conference, National and Global settings of the church.

Exempt standing is the only form of ministerial standing that can be held by an Association different than the Association of Local Church Membership. If a minister relocates while maintaining Exempt Standing and joins a Local Church in a new location, he/she may request a transfer of standing but is not required to do so.

If you would like to apply for exempt standing please contact Miranda Samaile at miranda@ncnuc.org.