

**Title: Mandatory Boundary Training for General Ministry Clergy**

**Origin: General Commission on the Ministry**

**Background Information:**

Given the vital importance of all clergy having a full understanding and adequate education concerning sexual ethics boundary training;  
..And given the current policy throughout Regions across the US and Canada that clergy whose standing rests with a regional commission on ministry are required to complete courses in healthy boundary training;  
...And given that general ministry clergy whose standing rests with GCOM currently have no such requirement;

**Recommended Action:**

All ordained and licensed ministers engaged in General Ministries (those whose standing is certified with GCOM) obtain sexual ethics boundary training either through the General Ministry where they serve or through the Region where they reside. It is understood that military chaplains will obtain such training from the military and chaplains in federal prisons will obtain such training from federal prison authorities. The 2009 GCOM Standing Form will include a question to ascertain if such training has been received.