

CONTINUED MINISTERIAL SERVICE BEYOND SIXTY-EIGHT

1 See separate procedures for the continuation of full time stipendiary service after 68

2 Stipendiary Ministers Continuing in Part-time Stipendiary Service Beyond 68

It remains possible for a stipendiary minister to continue in part-time service beyond 68 for fixed periods. Convention is that such extensions be for terms of two or three years for ministers under the age of 72 and one year for ministers over the age of 72.

It should be noted, however, that there are significant implications for a minister wishing to continue to serve in a part-time stipendiary capacity whilst taking advantage of housing provided by the United Reformed Church's Retired Minister Housing Society (RMHS). Ministers interested in offering non-stipendiary service should contact the Secretary of the Retired Minister Housing Committee at Church House

Procedure for Extending Stipendiary Service Beyond 68 in a Part-time Capacity

Having taken the above into account, should a minister wish to extend their service beyond her/his 68th birthday by becoming part-time for a term not to exceed three years, the following process is suggested as a guide:

- a) In the year before her/his 67th birthday a minister wishing to apply to continue stipendiary service beyond 68 in a part-time capacity for a maximum of three years s/he should speak to her/his Synod Moderator.
- b) An application for an extension of service will be made to the Synod
- c) On receipt of the application the Synod, through its appropriate Committee will consult with the minister, the elders of the pastorate and the Synod Moderator.
- d) If the Synod agrees with the request, notification of the extension of stipendiary service should be sent to the Ministries and Payroll offices at Church House.

3 Stipendiary Ministers Continuing in Non-stipendiary Service Beyond 68

It is, however, quite possible for a retired stipendiary minister to continue in service beyond 68 in a non-stipendiary capacity and in consultation with the synod. Such service will have no implications for either retired ministers housing or income tax/national insurance.

Amended to take account of the change to the normal retirement age agreed by General Assembly in 2012 and updated pension laws.

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