

**Presbytery of Lake Erie
Coordinating Commission
Disaster Policy**

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In the event of a disaster, epidemic or other external event declared by the Governor of Pennsylvania as a disaster or the equivalent, which prevents the Presbytery from meeting, either at its stated meeting times or for a special called meeting, an extraordinary committee consisting of the moderator of Presbytery, the general presbyter (or executive) and the stated clerk shall be empowered to act on behalf of Presbytery.

The purpose and authority of this committee shall be to act on matters that cannot await the convening of the Presbytery, particularly in dealing with the disaster. The committee shall act consistent with G-3.0106 and report its actions to the next meeting of Presbytery. The committee shall have the authority to authorize the use of Presbytery funds in its discretion. It may specifically exercise Presbytery's full powers specified in G-3.0303(f).

Matters delegated by the Presbytery to the Committee on Ministry shall remain the province of COM. The extraordinary committee may not exercise the powers of Presbytery specified in G-3.0303 (b). The committee may have the Presbytery assume original jurisdiction for a session through an administrative commission consistent with G-3.0303 (e) only when the session is unable to meet due to the disaster.

The committee may meet via electronic communication. If one of the members is unable to participate, the vice moderator of presbytery shall serve as the third member. A vacancy in the office of Stated Clerk shall be filled as specified in the Presbytery Manual. In the event that additional alternate members are needed, the available members of the committee shall designate a member of the Coordinating Committee to serve. The quorum for this committee is its full complement of three members for any action other than the designation of an additional alternate member.