

Motion for Presbytery Consideration

To: The Presbyterian Church of Belize, Executive Commission
From: Session of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Belize City, Belize
Reference: Session Motion to Presbytery
Date: January 14, 2025

Fathers and Brother,

Our Book of Church Order chapter 20 allows Ruling Elders to fill the pastoral duties of proclaiming the Word on a weekly basis. RE John W. Stodghill has been filling this role at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Santa Elena since late 2019 and now half time at Great Commissions Presbyterian Church in Belmopan. It has been past four years and the Session of St. Andrews would **request Presbytery to allow** for a continuation of RE Stodghill to fill the pulpits for another term.

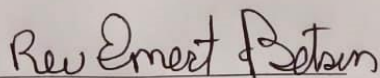
20-2. Ruling Elders may be licensed to supply the ministrations of the Word upon their giving satisfaction to the Presbytery of their gifts. To this end, the requirements of 20-5 may be waived by the Presbytery at its discretion.

20-14. The license to preach the Gospel shall expire at the end of four years, The Presbytery may, if it thinks proper, renew it. If the licentiate shall devote himself unnecessarily to such pursuits as interfere with a full trial of his gifts, it shall be the duty of the Presbytery to revoke his license.

This Session motion approved January 14, 2025,

Humbly submitted for your consideration and action:

Session of St. Andrew's, Congregation of Bethany Church, and Mission Churches of Unity and Great Commission Presbyterian Church



Senior Pastor, Ernest Betson, Moderator