

Presbytery of Great Rivers/PC(USA) Acronyms  
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AC	Administrative Commission: designated by a council to perform specific functions (ordain/install ministers, examine and receive ministers into membership, merge congregations, dissolve congregations/pastoral relationships)
BOC	Book of Confessions: part 1 of the constitution of the PC(USA)
BOO	Book of Order: part 2 of the constitution of the PC(USA)
BOP	Board of Pensions: manages pensions and benefits for pastors and often other church staff
CARE	Committee on Accessibility, Representation, and Equity: advises presbytery on participation and inclusiveness to ensure fair and effective representation in decision-making
CLC	Church Leadership Connection: online denominational system that matches candidates and congregations
CPL	Commission on Pastoral Leadership: supports inquirers and candidates discerning a call to ministry and all other pastoral leaders within the presbytery
CCL	Commission on Congregational Life: supports congregations within the presbytery
CO-MOD	Co-Moderator: co-officer elected by a council to conduct business and preserve order
COT	Commission on Transitions: assists congregations in transition
COM	Committee on Ministry: traditionally responsible for supporting pastors and congregations
COS	Clerk of Session: responsible for maintaining rolls and records of local church
CPM	Committee on Preparation for Ministry: traditionally responsible for supporting inquirers and candidates discerning a call to ministry
CRE/CP	Commissioned Ruling Elder/Commissioned Pastor: an elder authorized to serve in particular functions who are commissioned by the presbytery
GA	General Assembly: the highest governing body in the PCUSA
HR	Honorably Retired
LC	Leadership Council: leadership group responsible for the presbytery's vision and priorities

LP	Lead Presbyter
MC	Mission Commission: promotes mission action of the presbytery
MDP	Ministry Discernment Profile: document completed by churches searching for a pastor
MIF	Ministry Information Form: the name of the document that churches and other church agencies/organizations posted on Church Leadership Connection when they were seeking pastors, chaplains, and other church workers
MOD	Moderator: officer elected by a council to conduct business and preserve order
MOWS	Minister of Word and Sacrament: Presbyterian pastors; also known as Teaching Elders
NC	Nominating Committee: discern individuals to serve in leadership roles in the presbytery
OGHS	One Great Hour of Sharing: one of the three special offerings of the denomination
OP	Operations Commission: provides organizational support for the presbytery, with a focus on staff/personnel, property, budget, and investments
PIF	Personal Information Form: the name of the document that pastors and other call seekers posted on Church Leadership Connection
PDA	Presbyterian Disaster Assistance: ministry of the PCUSA devoted to emergency response initiatives
PDP	Personal Discernment Profile: resume submitted by pastors and other church professionals seeking positions through Church Leadership Connection
PGR	Presbytery of Great Rivers
PJC	Permanent Judicial Commission: considers and decides judicial cases for the presbytery
PNC	Pastoral Nominating Committee: committee elected by congregation to search for a new pastor
PW	Presbyterian Women: a formal ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA) committed to nurturing our faith through prayer and Bible study, supporting the mission of the church worldwide, working for justice and peace, and building an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom
RE	Ruling Elder: ordained leader in local church
SC	Stated Clerk: responsible for maintaining roles and records of the presbytery

- SOLT Synod of Lincoln Trails: regional council made up of all the presbyteries and PCUSA congregations in Illinois and Indiana
- TE Teaching Elder: Presbyterian pastor; also known as Minister of Word & Sacrament
- TOC Terms of Call: covenant agreement between Ministers of Word & Sacrament and the congregations they serve