

From Keith Geckeler, our Stated Clerk

The 218th General Assembly (2008) adopted an authoritative interpretation (Item 05-09), which is now in effect:

*Interpretive statements concerning ordained service of homosexual church members by the 190th General Assembly (1978) of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America and the 119th General Assembly (1979) of the Presbyterian Church in the United States and all subsequent affirmations thereof, **have no further force or effect.***

The action of the 218th General Assembly (2008) to delete the 1978 and 1979 authoritative interpretations, coupled with the presbyteries' approval of a new standard for ordination, means there is currently no specific prohibition against a session or presbytery ordaining or installing a person involved in a same-gender relationship.