

Cabinet Report

Roles & Responsibilities for Connectional Community Presiding Elders

In addition to serving in a local ministry setting, Connectional Community Presiding Elders are pastors to the pastors. They get to know the pastors and congregations in their Connectional Community (CC) and work to serve them in every way they can.

Serving as a Presiding Elder is not a step up on the organization chart or a position with greater authority. It is a calling to serve sacrificially, to go the extra mile to lift others up. People who accept the call to serve in this capacity place a high value on our connectional system and honestly believe we can do more effective ministry when we co-operate rather than compete.

While extensive ministry experience is not necessarily required in this role, a demonstration of the gifts of servant leadership and a knowledge of the clergy and congregations in the community is needed. Persons serving in this capacity should have the respect of those in their community, a heart of prayer, a spirit of humility, and a call to grow the Kingdom through multiplication.

Specific Expectations:

1. Know and stay in contact with the clergy and congregations in the connectional community.
2. Gather the clergy as regularly as need to form true and impactful community.
3. Work with the Area PE to hold Charge/Church conferences for the congregations in your CC.
4. Work with the Area PE in their area to ensure their congregations get the coaching and equipping they need to do effective ministry.
5. Work with the Area PE to meet the pastoral needs of the congregations in their connectional community, which includes but is not limited to serving on the appointment team.

Commitment:

1. Clergy serving in this capacity are called to serve for a one-year term and may serve unlimited consecutive terms, but rotating the responsibility is encouraged.
2. This is a volunteer role, but each CCPE has a \$1,000 reimbursable expense account to help offset some of the expenses.
3. The time requirement for each Connectional Community may differ and the time required each month may vary but this is envisioned to be a 10-12 hours per month time commitment.

Roles & Responsibilities for Area Presiding Elders

In addition to serving in a local ministry, Area Presiding Elders are the leaders of the leaders. Each APE will have an area which includes 2-5 Connectional Communities. Each of the connectional Communities will have a Presiding Elder. The role of the APE is to intentionally invest and equip their CCPE. These CCPE each have 7-15 pastors in whom they are investing. So, the APE will have 20-35 congregations in their area. The CCPE will have most of the direct contact with the clergy and congregations in their area. The APE's role is to support and coach the CCPE.

The APE will also serve churches by assisting the President Pro Tem in the deployment of clergy through the appointment system.

Ministry experience is required in this role as is a track record of servant leadership and a knowledge of the clergy and congregations in the conference.

Specific Expectations:

1. Cultivate real relationships with their CCPE and have contact with them in some form weekly.
2. Ensure the CCPE in their area have the skills and resources they need to help the pastors in their connectional community.
3. Inspire and equip the congregations in their area to make disciples of Jesus who: worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.
4. Help people in your area feel connected and have fun.
5. Work with the PPT to meet the pastoral needs of the congregations in their area, which includes but is not limited to serving on the appointment team and completing the necessary documentation for appointments in their area.

Commitment:

1. Clergy serving in this capacity are called to serve for a one-year term and may serve unlimited consecutive terms, but rotating the responsibility is encouraged.
2. This is a volunteer role, but each APE has a \$1,000 reimbursable expense account to help offset some of the expenses.
3. The time requirement for each Area may differ and the time required each month may vary but this is envisioned to be a 6-10 hours per month time commitment.