

Commitment and Responsibilities for Elders at Faith Presbyterian Church Cape Coral, Florida

Serving as a church officer is a lasting and rewarding experience that will be remembered for a lifetime. To be recommended, nominated, elected and ordained to a church office is also a privilege and an honor.

As a member of Session (Elder), we will again express our faithfulness to Jesus Christ. Elders are chosen by the people. Together with ministers of the Word and Sacrament, they exercise leadership, government, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a particular church as well as the church at large (G-6.0300).

Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world (G-6.0106)

Session members follow a covenant which simply outlines our trust in each other and respects our fellow Session members' opinions regarding the issues and programs at Faith. Through this trust and love, decisions are made by the Session that contributes to the overall good of the church.

The current nominating and election process will elect eight elders, for the Class of 2012, which constitute a three year term. A total of 24 elders serve at one time.

Newly elected elders are assigned to the various committees at Faith. The committees discuss and develop the programs for operation of the church and take their recommendations to the Session. It is hoped that as the three year term progresses, an elder can become the moderator, or leader, of a given committee.

The various committees meet at the discretion of their members. Results of the committee meetings affecting policies and operations at Faith are submitted to the Session for approval.

The Session meets on a regular basis, currently the third Monday of each month. The Pastor presides at the Session meetings. Special Session meetings may be called at any time should the need arise for an immediate decision.

We welcome this opportunity for the Faith congregation to prayerfully make their elder recommendations to the Nominating Committee. The recommendation may certainly include you. This is another way for all of us to participate in the successful operation here at Faith.