

Governing Body	Session	
Membership	Elders	Lorrie Heuser, Bill Ostrem, Candace Lowden, Carol Longmire, Dan Graves, Martha Jane Caldwell-Bates
	At-Large	Moderator (Rev. Robert Higgs), Clerk Karen Mazak)
Regular Meetings 3rd Monday 7p		
Mission Statement		
<p>The Session (elders, together with the pastor) is to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation through their leadership and service. encourage the people in the worship and service of God equip and renew the people for their tasks within the Church, equip and renew the people for their mission in the world. visit and comfort and care for the people with special attention to the sick and the lonely and to those who are oppressed, inform the Session and the Pastor of those who may need special attention and cultivate the ability to teach the Bible</p>		
General Tasks		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) receive members into the church; 2) lead the congregation in participation in the mission of the church; 3) provide for the worship of the people of God including preaching and the sharing of the Sacrament; 4) provide for the spiritual growth of its members; 5) develop and supervise the educational program; 6) lead the congregation in ministries of personal and social healing; 7) challenge the people of God in stewardship of money and time; 8) establish the annual budget and other special offerings;; 9) lead the congregation continually to discover God's working in the world ; 10) instruct, examine, ordain, install, and welcome new elders (and deacons, where applicable); 11) supervise the board of deacons (where applicable) and all other organizations within the congregation; 12) provide for the administration of the church's program; 13) provide for the management of the church's property; 14) maintain regular and continuing relationships with higher governing bodies; 15) establish and maintain all necessary ecumenical relationships; 16) serve in judicial matters in accordance with the Rules of Discipline; 17) keep an accurate roll of members; 		
Resources		
http://presbycc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Handbook-for-Elders-2014.pdf		
Learning Projects		
Meet church and community officials to discover needs, view videos, invite speakers, attend workshops		

<p>Overall Goals</p> <p>The Church of Jesus Christ is a demonstration of what God intends for all humanity. The Church is called to be a sign in the world for the new reality that God has made available to all people through Jesus Christ. This new reality is the new humanity, a new creation, a new beginning since (1) sin is forgiven, (2) reconciliation is accomplished, and (3) the dividing walls of hostility are torn down. The Church is called to give shape and substance to this truth.</p> <p>The Church is called to tell the good news of salvation by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ. God forgives sin, reconciles brokenness, makes all things new, and is still at work in the world. The Church is called to present the claims of Jesus Christ. The Church is called to demonstrate the new reality in Christ by the love of its members for one another and by participating in God's activity in the world through its life for others.</p>
<p>Specific Projects</p> <p>Maintain and expand congregational awareness and participation in all current mission projects, provide "Minute of Mission" during worship and in church newsletter, select local and national mission projects for congregational involvement, propose specific budget allocation to West Jersey Presbytery, Synod, and/or GA mission projects.</p>
<p>Other Notes</p>
<p>Clerk Responsibilities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Develop agenda in conjunction with Pastor;2) Call and oversee Session meetings;3) Insure minutes are taken and distributed as needed;4) Oversee task list, securing committee members and volunteers (especially for quick tasks below);5) Help recruit and train committee members and volunteers as needed.
<p>Elder Responsibilities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Attend Session meetings;2) Review agenda and other materials in advance of meeting as much as possible;3) Participate in regularly performing several of the General Tasks listed above;4) Help recruit and train Elders, committee members and volunteers as needed;5) Be prepared to ask questions and offer ideas at meetings.
<p>Quick Tasks - That can be done on an as needed basis by congregation</p>