

Session is the governing body of the church. Ruling Elders are elected from the membership of the congregation to serve a 3 year term on the board. Elders each serve on a committee of the church, serve and prepare communion, visit church members, plan for the visioning of the church, call congregational meetings. 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, including ecumenical relationships.

The session is responsible for the mission and government of the particular church. It therefore has the responsibility and power to:

- Provide opportunities for evangelism;
- Receive members into the church upon profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or by letter of transfer from another congregation;
- Lead the congregation in participation in the mission of the whole Church in the world;
- Provide for the worship of the people of God, including the preaching of the Word, the sharing of the Sacraments, and for the music program;
- Provide for the growth of its members and for the equipment for ministry through personal and pastoral care, educational programs including church school, sharing in fellowship and mutual support, and opportunities for witness and service in the world;
- Develop and supervise the church school and the educational program of the church;
- Lead the congregation in ministries of personal and social healing and reconciliation in the communities in which the church lives and bears its witness;
- Challenge the people of God with the privilege of responsible Christian stewardship of money and time and talents;
- Establish the annual budget;
- Lead the congregation continually to discover what God is doing in the world and to plan for change, renewal, and reformation under the Word of God;
- Engage in a process for education and mutual growth of the members of session;
- Instruct, examine, ordain, install, and welcome into common ministry elders and deacons on their election by the congregation;
- Delegate and supervise the work of the board of deacons and the board of trustees and all other organizations and task forces within the congregation, providing for support, report, review, and control;
- Provide for the administration of the program of the church, including the employment of non-ordained staff;
- Provide for the management of property of the church;
- Maintain regular and continuing relationship to the higher governing bodies of the church;
- Establish and maintain ecumenical relationships;
- Serve in judicial matters in accordance with the Rules of Discipline;
- Keep an accurate roll of the membership of the church.