

# Elder Role Description

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## CLEMSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Brief Description: As described in Scripture, our Standards, and the BCO, elders at CPC govern the church, shepherd the flock, and teach the truth (Acts 20:28, 1 Peter 5:20) according to our four values (*glory, grace, truth, and love*) in four-year terms so that CPC might produce mature followers of Jesus.

Qualifications: See 1 Timothy 3:1-7

Role Requirements: An elder must...

1. Pursue personal holiness by God's grace, developing and executing an annual Personal Spiritual Renewal Plan, including repentance. This will be shared with the other elders.
2. Pray regularly for CPC, its ministries, and his flock.
3. Be prepared for, attend, and participate in stated and called Session meetings.
4. Shepherding
  - a. Shepherd his own family well.
  - b. Participate in a CPC small group.
  - c. Have pastoral contact with those on his shepherding list at least 3x times a year.
5. Be biblically literate, able to explain, share, and apply the essential truths of historic Reformed doctrine in one-on-one settings, small groups, or large groups.
6. Pray for, pursue, and proclaim the gospel to non-Christians.
7. Help interview potential new members.
8. Promote and support the activities of the church, consistently participating in weekly worship and church-wide events.
9. Support the church financially through voluntarily giving in keeping with Biblical principles, giving back to God as he has prospered you, not under compulsion or grudgingly, not to benefit yourself, but by way of generous grace giving, a giving which is done freely, willingly, and cheerfully (Romans 12:6,8; 2 Corinthians 9:7).
10. Help serve the Lord's table.
11. Sign the Annual Elder Affirmation each year.
12. Participate in an annual relational accountability "review" allowing discussion and remediation/growth, entering into each other's processes with love.

# Annual Elder Affirmation

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- \_\_\_\_ Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
- \_\_\_\_ Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
- \_\_\_\_ Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
- \_\_\_\_ Do you accept the office of ruling elder (or deacon, as the case may be) in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
- \_\_\_\_ Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
- \_\_\_\_ Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?
- \_\_\_\_ Will you execute the duties listed in the "Ruling Elder Role Description"?

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_