

Session Commitments

1. We respect, honor, and assume the best of each other.
2. We emphasize connection with each other.
3. The mission of the church is our first priority: *Go and make disciples of all peoples.*
4. We always ask *"How does this fit with our vision and enduring values?"*
5. Our first consideration of challenging items is in breakout discussions.
6. We never withhold or suppress helpful information from the discussions of the Session.
7. We respond to motions in one of 3 ways: we approve it, we do not approve it, or we set next steps leading to a defined date on which we will take final action.
8. The unity of the Session does not require unanimous votes.
9. We do nothing to undermine the decisions of the body.
10. We agree to fulfill the expectations of an elder at Signal Pres.

Expectations of an Elder at Signal Pres

In addition to fulfilling the expectations of a member at Signal Pres (worship, growth & service) & our ordination vows, an elder will...

- Attend monthly meetings (If an elder can't make at least 7 of the meetings in a year, it will trigger a conversation with a pastor aimed at making a plan towards more active engagement. A second year of not attending at least 7 meetings will be a signal to all that this is not the right season for that elder to serve)
- Intentional shepherding of a group of people
- Unless you have other Sunday morning responsibilities, be present at pre-worship prayer (10:30 in the parlor)
- Hospital Visitations (3-4 times per year)
- Be available for prayer after worship (3-4 times per year)
- Serve at Healing Service (at least once/year)
- Attend 2 Presbytery meetings or 1 General Assembly per 3 year term