

Elder's Responsibilities

Session of Glenkirk Church

Session is responsible for the mission and government for the church. Elders are to pray and work for the growth of all members and for their equipment for ministry through personal and pastoral care. This position should not be accepted lightly or without prayer and thoughtful consideration. Glenkirk Elders are ordained for life but are elected to serve on the Session for a term of office for three years unless the person is filling an unexpired term. ECO elders must be able to endorse the *Essential Tenets* of ECO.

It is the responsibility of each Session member to:

1. Attend Congregational Meetings.
2. Attend the mandatory fall training session in order to prepare to assume the office. This is required of all newly elected officers. At this training you will become familiar with ECO's *Essential Tenets*, it's Polity (gaining an understanding of the uniqueness of what it means to be part of the ECO denomination) become familiar with Glenkirk's by-laws. (<http://eco-pres.org/resources/eco-polity/eco-polity/>).
3. Attend the Officer Installation at the January worship services.
4. Attend MAG (Mission Affinity Group) meetings, Elder Retreats (as scheduled) and, if appropriate, presbytery meetings. To accomplish this a commitment of two to three Saturday's per year will be necessary.
5. Attend monthly meeting of Session (unless permission to be absent is obtained in advance from the Clerk of Session). Meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Periodically there are specially called meetings.
6. Attend called Session meetings for receiving new members (dates to be announced). Session is responsible for interviewing prospective members. This is a highly important time which requires the participation of elders to be effective.
7. Actively participate and take leadership on a ministry team. These teams work with appropriate staff in championing a particular ministry area at Glenkirk (i.e. property and finance, personnel, youth, children's, women's, men's, small groups, family, mission, seniors, communications).
8. Pray and work for Glenkirk's overall growth in becoming a church that fulfills it's mission of leading people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus.

9. Make every effort to attend a worship service on the weekend. Make a special effort to greet people (non-members as well as members) in the patio following the service. The officers are to set an example to the congregation in faithful church attendance and in being friendly to one another and our guests.
10. Be personally committed to Glenkirk's values and mission, participating in spiritual growth, service, fellowship, and evangelistic opportunities to deepen your own walk with Christ.
11. On a rotating basis,
 - a. Participate (at least) once per month in prayer after service,
 - b. Participate in worship services by serving communion at one service on the first Sunday of the month,
 - c. Be available for other agreed upon times that support the mission and vision of the church,
 - d. Pray for the concerns of our congregation weekly.

Total responsibilities of a Session member will average a MINIMUM of seven hours per MONTH.