

**The Presbytery of Long Island
Committee on Ministry - January 2016**

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER CONTRACT

The Presbytery/Committee on Ministry, having consulted with the Session of the _____ and
Ruling Elder _____
hereby commissions Ruling Elder _____
to be a Commissioned Ruling Elder at the _____
for a period of one year, beginning _____

The Presbytery/Committee on Ministry may extend the commission by mutual agreement of all parties for periods not to exceed one year at a time.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The Commissioned Ruling Elder is accountable to the Presbytery, through a Mentor appointed by the Committee on Ministry, and to the Session

EXPECTATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER

As a member of the Presbytery of Long Island, you will remain in good standing, complying with all Presbytery Requirements

In addition to the usual responsibilities of a Pastor, the Commissioned Ruling Elder is granted permission to perform the following tasks (check all that apply):

- _____ Administer The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- _____ Administer The Sacrament of Baptism
- _____ Perform Marriages as allowed by New York State law
- _____ Moderate Session Meetings
- _____ Have a voice and vote at Presbytery Meetings

(Permission is withheld for those items not checked.)

The Commissioned Ruling Elder will serve full-time/part-time _____ hours/per week.

EXPECTATIONS OF THE SESSION

1. Will provide collegial support and consultation in working with the Commissioned Ruling Elder and the Presbytery.
2. Will review the Commissioned Ruling Elder's work through the appropriate committee at least annually.
3. Will provide reasonable time away as needed to allow the Commissioned Ruling Elder to fulfill responsibilities in the larger church.
4. Will provide compensation to the Commissioned Ruling Elder as delineated on the attached form (D.05.01).

EXPECTATIONS OF THE PRESBYTERY

1. Will provide support and consultative services to the Commissioned Ruling Elder through the Committee on Ministry.
2. Will assist the Session and the Commissioned Ruling Elder with emerging needs through the committees, task forces, and workgroups of the Presbytery.

MUTUAL EXPECTATIONS

Will provide spiritual support to one another as members of the family of Christ.

EXTENSION/TERMINATION

The *Book of Order*, in G-2.1004, provides that “The presbytery may at any time withdraw the commission for reasons it deems good and sufficient.” If either the Session or the Commissioned Ruling Elder wishes to terminate the relationship, they should consult with the Committee On Ministry immediately.

If the Session and the Commissioned Ruling Elder wish to extend the relationship, normally, they should consult with the Committee On Ministry two months in advance of its expiration.

SIGNATURES

X

Commissioned Ruling Elder

X

Clerk Of Session

X

Committee On Ministry

<p><u>Attachments A & B Must be included</u> Attachment A - Position Description Attachment B - Terms of Call</p>
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