

PREBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND
COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER CHURCH AGREEMENT

The Presbytery/ Commission on Ministry, having consulted with the Session of the

_____ and

Ruling Elder _____

Hereby, Commission Ruling Elder _____

to be Commissioned Ruling Elder at the _____

for a period of one year, beginning _____

The Presbytery/Commission on Ministry may extend the Commission by mutual agreement of all parties for periods not exceeding one year at a time.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The Commissioned Ruling Elder is accountable to the Presbytery, through a Mentor appointed by the Commission 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 all current and future policies of the Presbytery of Long Island.

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.

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 Commission on Ministry 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 Attachment B - Terms of Call.

EXPECTATIONS OF THE PRESBYTERY

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

MUTUAL EXPECTATIONS

1. 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 Commission on Ministry immediately.

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

Attachments A & B Must be included
Attachment A - Position Description
Attachment B - Terms of Call

SIGNATURES

Commissioned Ruling Elder **Date**

Clerk Of Session **Date**

Commission on Ministry **Date**