

Coordinating Council

Mission Statement: The Coordinating Council has two objectives: to inspire transformative, visionary ministry by engaging and building bridges between our churches, communities, and differing voices; and to serve as the decision-making and directing group of the presbytery.

Membership: It shall consist of people who have an awareness of the presbytery and the ability to look at the whole of the presbytery's life and programs. Members include: the presbytery moderator, presbytery vice-moderator, the presbytery immediate past moderator, the moderators or appointees of the Commission on Ministry, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, New Worshipping Communities Commission, Administration Committee, and Nominating Committee, and six at-large members (Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders in as nearly equal numbers as possible). The presbytery immediate past moderator will moderate the council. The stated clerk of the presbytery will serve as the secretary of the Council. The Presbytery Co-Leaders and treasurer of the presbytery will be ex-officio members with voice, but without vote.

Tasks:

1. Manage the mission and objectives of the presbytery, adhering to the presbytery's purpose.
2. Provide ways for discerning, articulating, and living into God's promises.
3. Develop strategies for regularly and effectively communicating presbytery's vision and mission with congregations and communities.
4. Appoint task forces, ad hoc committees, and teams as necessary to carry out presbytery decisions, policies, and strategies (such as presbytery-wide ministry initiatives, reviewing overtures to General Assembly, etc.). Whenever appropriate, the Coordinating Council may use the Nominating Committee to assist in recruiting members for the aforementioned task forces, ad hoc committees, and teams.
5. Create networking opportunities in coordination with presbytery committees and commissions.
6. Appoint persons to serve on the Grants Review Team to oversee administration of the presbytery's special funds and review/approve their recommendations.
7. Plan presbytery meetings.
8. Review periodically the tasks and composition of all presbytery committees in light of the presbytery's purpose.
9. Nominate persons to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Basic characteristics of the at-large members:

1. Feel the Lord's call to help our presbytery envision and move toward the future.
2. Creative and receptive to new ideas.
3. Support the presbytery's purpose and new vision of our forthcoming strategic plan.
4. Recognize the areas of Spirit-infused energy and the uniqueness of our congregations and communities.
5. Possess strong interpersonal and collaborative relationship skills.
6. ~~Demonstrate organizational skills and understand the importance of prioritizing projects.~~

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