



# JOB DESCRIPTION

## **RULING ELDER FOR LONG RANGE PLANNING**

### **Commission**

Trust in Jesus Christ as Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal and God's Word to you.

Sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenants of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scriptures lead us to believe and do, and be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God.

Demonstrate obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions.

Seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world.

Further the peace, unity, and purity of the church.

Pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

Be faithful in watching over the people, provide for their worship, nurture, and service. Share in government and discipline, serve in councils of the church and show the love and justice of Jesus Christ.

### **Qualities of a Ruling Elder for Long Range Planning**

Ruling Elders demonstrate wisdom; maturity of faith; demonstrated leadership skills; and compassion.

A visionary and "big" picture person who can think long term.

Possess an open spirit to new ideas, possibilities, goals, and dreams.

## Long Range Planning Ministry Area Description

To look out 2 to 5 years identifying, discussing, communicating, recommending, and facilitating the important conversations we need to have as a congregation regarding current and future events, trends, and ministries impacting our church.

### Teams

#### *Vision and Implementation*

Staff Support: Lead Pastor

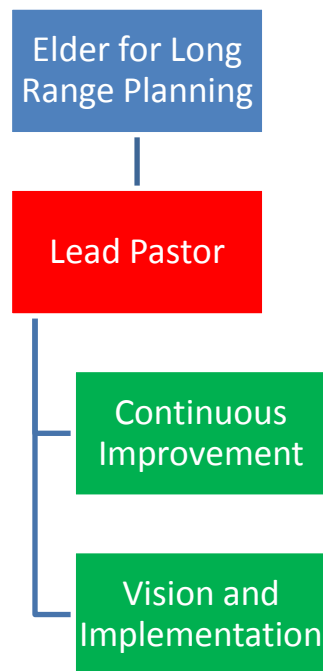
Purpose: To clearly describe the direction in which our church is moving and to help develop plans to achieve our Mission and Goals.

#### *Continuous Improvement*

Staff Support: Lead Pastor

Purpose: To periodically measure our progress toward achieving our goals; review our overall strengths, weaknesses, threats, and opportunities; and develop plans to improve.

## Long Range Planning Team Leadership Matrix



## **Critical Tasks for the Position of Ruling Elder for Long Range Planning Team**

1. Attend and participate in meetings of the Session (one per month); not missing more than three (3) meetings in a calendar year.
2. Be an advocate and ambassador of the mission of FPCA to Long Range Planning Ministry Area Leadership; meeting with them at least once per month.
3. Work with the Lead Pastor to establish 2-5 year goals
4. Submit reports (in conjunction with the Lead Pastor) on behalf of the Long Range Planning Team to the Session
5. Be prepared to lead discussions on relevant issues related to the Long Range Planning Ministry Area at Session meetings.

## **Time Commitment**

*Three-year term; year begins May 1 and ends April 30; with a possibility of serving a second, three-year term.*

Monthly Session meeting (2.5 hours per month) – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month

Meetings with Lead Pastor (3 hours per month)

Long Range Planning Team meetings (2 hours per month)

Miscellaneous – worship leadership, emails, phone calls, contacts, additional meetings, etc. (4.5 hours per month)

*Total Approximate Time Commitment: 12 hours per month*