



JOB DESCRIPTION

RULING ELDER FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND DISCIPLESHIP

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 tenets 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 Spiritual Formation and Discipleship Ministry

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

Exhibit an understanding and commitment to the Guiding Principles for Spiritual Formation at First Presbyterian Church of Allentown.

Spiritual Formation and Discipleship Ministry Area Description

To promote and facilitate the lifelong process by which the Holy Spirit transforms us as individuals and a community of faith more and more into the image and likeness of Jesus Christ.

Spiritual Formation Ministry Team Descriptions

Vision Team

Staff Support: Pastor, Spiritual Formation and Discipleship

Purpose: To stay abreast of current research and trends in spiritual formation anticipating, recommending, coordinating and evaluating goals and approaches for effective spiritual formation consistent with the Unifying Principles of Spiritual Formation and First Presbyterian Church of Allentown's Mission Statement.

Children and Tween Ministry Team

Staff Support: Director Children, Tween and Family Ministry

Purpose: To implement and oversee spiritual formation and discipleship opportunities for children (birth-3rd grade) and tweens (4th & 5th grade) and their families that are consistent with the directives of the Vision Team and that foster continued growth as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry Team

Staff Support: Pastor, Spiritual Formation and Discipleship

Purpose: To implement and oversee spiritual formation and discipleship opportunities for youth (6th-12th grade), college age (18-21 years old) and young adults (21-35 years old) and their families that are consistent with the directives of the Vision Team and that foster continued growth as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Adult Spiritual Formation Ministry Team

Staff Support: Lead Pastor

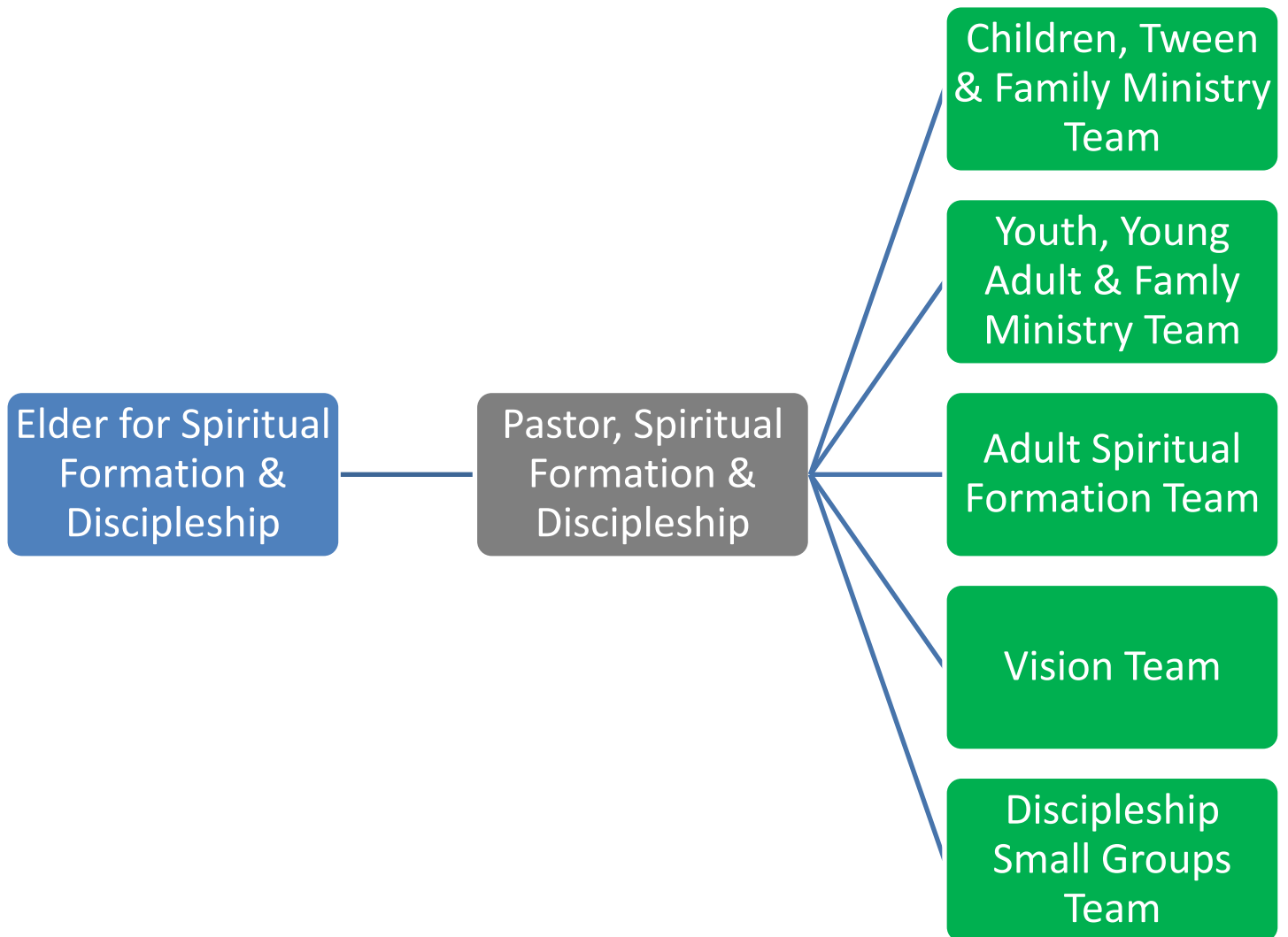
Purpose: To implement and oversee spiritual formation and discipleship opportunities for adults and their families that are consistent with the directives of the Vision Team and that foster continued growth as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Discipleship Small Groups Team

Staff Support: Lead Pastor

Purpose: To develop and support an integrated small group ministry that engages members and friends of all ages in intentional spiritual growth that are consistent with the directives of the Vision Team and that foster continued growth as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Spiritual Formation and Discipleship Ministry Leadership



Critical Tasks for the Position of Ruling Elder for Spiritual Formation & Discipleship Ministry Area

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 the Spiritual Formation & Discipleship Ministry Team
3. Spiritually guide, resource, and encourage the Pastor, Spiritual Formation & Discipleship.
4. Be prepared to lead discussions on relevant issues related to Spiritual Formation & Discipleship.
5. Be prepared to discuss reports/requests submitted to the Session on behalf of the Spiritual Formation & Discipleship Staff or Spiritual Formation & Discipleship Ministry Area.

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)

Meetings with Pastor, Spiritual Formation & Discipleship (3 hours per month)

Quarterly meetings for spiritual encouragement and leadership reflection with Lead Pastor (.5 hours per month)

Spiritual Formation & Discipleship Ministry Leadership Meetings (2 hours per month)

Miscellaneous – worship leadership, emails, phone calls, contacts, additional meetings, off campus ministry etc.
(4 hours per month)

Total Approximate Time Commitment: 12 hours per month

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