

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioned Ruling Elders and Clerks of Sessions

FROM: The Committee on Ministry, Presbytery of Middle Tennessee

DATE: February 9, 2017

RE: **Review of Commissioned Ruling Elder Relationship**

The relationship between commissioned ruling elder and session is established by the Presbytery. The *Book of Order* requires that Presbytery review this relationship annually, through its Committee on Ministry, to determine if the relationship is to be continued or terminated.

To assist the Committee on Ministry in the review of this relationship, the commissioned ruling elder and the session should each complete the following questions, and each should return this form to the Presbytery office no later than **April 3, 2017**. If it is time to renew the commission, please indicate on the back of the form the responsibilities requested, and return this form to the Presbytery office by the April 3 deadline.

Church _____

Commissioned Ruling Elder _____

Term _____ Date approved by Presbytery _____

- 1. The relationship has been G satisfactory
 G less than satisfactory
 G unsatisfactory

- 2. Are there issues about the relationship which you wish to discuss with a representative of the Committee on Ministry? G yes G no

- 3. Are there any changes to the relationship? G yes G no

- 4. Do you wish to renew the relationship? G yes G no
Renewal Term: G one year G two years G three years

Signature _____

Relationship _____
(commissioned ruling elder, clerk of session, etc.)

Please indicate responsibilities requested:

___ Administer the Lord=s Supper.

___ Administer the Sacrament of Baptism.

___ Moderate the session or the congregation under the supervision of and when invited by the moderator of the session appointed by the presbytery.

___ Have a voice in meetings of presbytery.

___ Have a vote in meetings of presbytery (such vote to be counted as an elder commissioner for purposes of parity).

___ Perform a service of Christian marriage when invited by the session or other responsible committee, and when allowed by the state.