

ELDER MINISTRY PLAN

Name _____ Effective Dates _____

The Role of the Elder

The essential role of the elder is expressed in the current “Ministry and Priesthood” document with particular reference to the information in “Serving Together to Fulfill Christ’s Mission.” These statements are in harmony with previous scripture instruction.

Elders should:

- **Know:** Understand techniques of community-building, worship, and servant leadership.
- **Be:** Model servant leadership in presiding roles and as ministers of mission in congregations.
- **Do:** Engage in Christ’s mission and in congregational ministries that build sacred community.

Congregational Ministry Needs

With your pastor or designated congregational leader, discuss ministry needs in the congregation and community and how they connect to your priesthood responsibilities.

Congregational needs and goals should affirm and promote Christ’s mission of invitation, compassionate ministries, and justice and peacemaking; help prepare others for Christ’s mission; and partner with other priesthood in leading congregations in Christ’s mission.

NEEDS OF THE CONGREGATION

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BASED ON THE NEEDS OF THE CONGREGATION, HOW CAN I...

...represent Christ primarily as a minister of congregational community-building, leading others in the congregation in pursuing the Mission Initiatives?

...proclaim and promote Christ-centered congregational community by modeling intentional witness and invitation and mentoring others in Christ's mission?

...minister with congregations to build sacred community and engage in Christ's mission?

...support sacramental ministries by preparing congregations for sacramental encounters with God. Preside at sacramental services and perform most sacraments?

...promote community by serving as ministers of mission within and beyond the walls of the congregation?

...promote justice and peacemaking by leading justice and peacemaking in and through congregations?

...create ministry partnerships with pastors, mission center officers, priests, seventies, high priests, and evangelists?

MY CONTINUED MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

Education/training plans:

Spiritual practices to use and develop:

Ways I will model generosity (including being a regular contributor to mission tithes, both local and worldwide):

Possible mentors:

Elder's signature _____ Pastor or designee signature _____