

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

Presbytery of Cincinnati
(adopted February 12, 2013)

Note: The following is based on the Book of Order and responsibilities previously delegated by the presbytery to the Presbytery Council – particularly those listed in the “Role of Presbytery Council” (adopted November 2007).

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Presbytery Council is to coordinate the presbytery’s mission and program and to provide for the regular review of the functional relationship between Presbytery’s structure and its mission. (Presbytery Bylaws)

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Presbytery Council shall serve the presbytery in the following ways. All actions carried out as a result of delegated authority must be reported to the presbytery at its next regular meeting (G-3.0307).

Presbytery Mission

The Presbytery Council is responsible for

- assisting congregations in developing mission (G-3.0301c)
 - providing encouragement, guidance, and resources to congregations in the areas of mission, prophetic witness, leadership development, worship, and evangelism (G-3.0301a)
 - supporting congregations in developing the graces of generosity, stewardship, and service (G-3.0301c)
- developing strategy for the mission of the church in the presbytery (G-3.0303a)
- maintaining those ecumenical relationships that will enlarge the life and mission of the church in the presbytery’s district (G-3.0301a, G-5.01, 2007)
- engaging in long-range planning (2007)
- empowering mission within presbytery-determined priorities and vision (2007)
- considering, establishing and evaluating mission teams to do special work not already being done by a presbytery committee, mission partnerships, presbytery partnerships and mission activity (2007, old Standing Rules)
- organizing, receiving, merging, dismissing and dissolving congregations in consultation with their members (G-3.0301a)
- establishing criteria for endorsement and funding of congregational partnerships and presbytery networks (2007).

Presbytery Budget

The Presbytery Council shall facilitate creation of the presbytery’s budget and process of establishing mission funding priorities (G-3.0106, 2007).

Nominations and Appointments

The Presbytery Council shall nominate persons for election to the presbytery’s Nominating Committee (G-3.0111, 2007).

The Presbytery Council shall appoint:

- the sexual misconduct prevention and response team (presbytery policy)
- the outdoor ministry and Christian education scholarship mission team (presbytery action, November, 2004)
- presbytery representatives to a discernment team, if needed (Discernment and Reconciliation policy, May, 2012)
- members of any mission team established by the Presbytery Council. Each mission team will be responsible to the Presbytery Council which elected it, but it may be reelected by a subsequent Presbytery Council in order that it may complete its business.

Acting on behalf of the presbytery, the Presbytery Council may confirm the presbytery moderator's appointment of:

- the members of an administrative committee authorized by the presbytery (G-3.0109b)
- a committee of counsel (D-6.0302)
- an investigating committee (D-10.0201b).

Presbytery Meetings

The Presbytery Council is responsible for planning presbytery meetings, including worship and the celebration of the Lord's supper (G-3.0301b, G-3.0304).

Communication

The Presbytery Council is responsible for ensuring presbytery-wide communications (2007).