



Ruling Elders

The Session is the governing body of the congregation. It consists of 18 Ruling Elders who serve for a three-year term and one Youth Ruling Elder who serves a one-year term. The qualities of a Ruling Elder are as follows:

Ruling Elders should be persons who exhibit wisdom and maturity of faith. They should show both leadership qualities and compassion in spirit. Their lives should demonstrate the highest standards of faithfulness and integrity and be a model of Christian behavior in the church and in the world. It is the duty of the Ruling Elders, individually and jointly, to strengthen, nurture, and govern the life of the congregation. These Ruling Elders should be chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the word of God and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life.
(Book of Order, G-2.0301)

Trustees

Kirk in the Hills has a board of 18 Trustees, elected for a three-year term. Trustees have major responsibilities in the areas of budget and finance, endowments and investments, property maintenance and insurance, personnel and legal affairs. Trustees shall be members of the church who demonstrate qualities of honesty and integrity, energy and business acumen, Christian dedication and responsibility. Under the law of the church and state they hold and manage properties and, as authorized, conduct business for the Kirk. Their business dealings should exhibit Christian faith and values to those with whom they deal.

The corporation so formed, or the individual trustees, shall have the following powers: to receive, hold, encumber, manage, and transfer property, real or personal, for the congregation, provided that in buying, selling, and mortgaging real property, the trustees shall act only after the approval of the congregation, granted in a duly constituted meeting; to accept and execute deeds of title to such property; to hold and defend title to such property; to manage any permanent special funds for the furtherance of the purposes of the congregation, all subject to the authority of the session and under the provisions of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The powers and duties of the trustees shall not infringe upon the powers and duties of the session or the board of deacons.
(Book of Order, G-4.101)



The Board of Deacons

The Presbyterian Church USA's Book of Order describes the qualities of a Deacon as follows:

The office of Deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office.

It is the duty of Deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith. They shall assume such other duties as may be delegated to them by the Session.

The Board of Deacons is comprised of 30 adult members who serve for a three-year term, and two youth members who serve for a one-year term. Deacons undertake ministries of care and compassion within and beyond the congregation. At the Kirk, Deacons are involved with the following:

- Communities of Care (Outreach to Kirk Members)
- Communion Preparation and Celebration
- Hospitality Ministries
- Adopt-A-Family
- Church Life Luncheons
- Memorial Teas
- Congregational Care Ministries
- Benevolence
- Care Network
- College Care Packages
- Courtesy Cart (on Sundays)
- Flowers, Cards, and Calling Ministries
- Flu Shots
- Prayer Cordon

The Deacons are self-funded and rely on donations from Kirk members throughout the year to fund the many ministries and works of mercy undertaken by the Board.

The Diaconate Alumni is an informal organization for all Kirk members who have been ordained as Deacons in the Presbyterian Church. The group meets once a year for lunch, fellowship and a program. The Diaconate Alumni serve as hosts for the between services coffee hour each Sunday. Additionally, they are asked to assist the Deacons with Memorial Teas and Communion.