Pastor-Parish Relations Committee Profile

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By-Laws - Section IX

The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee shall provide a two-way communications link between the ministers and members of the congregation so as to enhance the effectiveness of the church's mutual ministry. The committee shall serve as an advisory group to the ministers providing and opportunity for constructive and caring communication within an atmosphere of confidentiality and trust.

The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee shall seek to foster understanding by all parties of the pastoral and congregational roles within the life of the church; support and maintain a healthy relationship between the ministers and the congregation; promote the reconciliation of differences; and serve as a catalyst for productive work on issues within these areas of concern, as shall come to the attention of the committee from the ministers or members of the congregation.

The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee shall be responsible only to the congregation, but shall otherwise be represented on the Church Committee in like manner to the other committees of the church.

The committee shall be comprised of seven (7) members, who shall serve for terms of three (3) years in such order that two are elected each year except every third year when three shall be elected. The Nominating Committee shall prepare its slate of nominees in consultation with the ministers.

Meetings

The committee meets about 3-4 times a year at times mutually agreed upon by the committee and the ministers.

Key Activities/Decisions

Committee members are assigned to each Minister as their communications link; they meet with the their assigned Minister several (2-4) times a year.

A typical Committee Meeting includes about 30 minutes discussion of each of the meeting with the ministers followed by a joint discussion with the Ministers…