

Elder Training for Leading Communion

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Approval by Presbtery

Check list and schedule

Date	Event	Place	Notes
	Initial call		
	Meeting 1		
	Meeting 2		
	Meeting 3		
	Service		
	Report to Presbytery		

Reasons for wanting training –elder’s story of ministry and call

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Settings in which likely to be leading communion / profile of congregation(s)

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Special interests and training needs

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Discussion of learning goals

1	To be able conduct a service of communion using an order of service which is appropriate to our church's understanding of the nature of communion and relevant to the contexts in which communion is being celebrated.	
2	To be able to explain a Reformed understanding of Communion and its historical development to a congregation.	
3	To be familiar with the influence of Luther, Zwingli, Calvin and Knox in our understanding of communion.	
4	To be familiar with worship resources and common liturgical forms.	
5	To be able to identify the different sections of the communion liturgy and explain their significance.	
6	To demonstrate an ability to conduct a communion liturgy with a sense of occasion, expressed in appropriate movements, gestures, and pausation.	
7	To be able to direct as necessary other elders involved in the setting out of the communion table, and their roles in removing and replacing cloths (if used) and in distributing the elements.	
8	To be aware of hermeneutical issues - how the meaning of words and actions are affected by context as well as by the givenness of the New Testament passages and the way these have been commonly understood in different times and places in Christian history	

Discussion of assignment tasks

1	The preparation of a communion liturgy with a commentary on the significance of each section	
2	Writing an essay which could be the basis of a sermon explaining to a congregation what is going on in communion and ways in which it may be a means of grace.	
3	Conducting a service including preaching and the celebration of communion and discussing the service with the presbytery tutor.	

Summary evaluation of service including sermon and communion

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Recommendation to Presbytery

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Tutor

Date

