

# Central College Presbyterian Church

## MINISTRY POSITION DESCRIPTION

**POSITION TITLE:** Ruling Elder

**MINISTRY AREA:** Session

**SERVICE TERM:** 3 Fiscal Years (July 1<sup>st</sup> of year 1 to June 30<sup>th</sup> of year 4)

**POSITION SUMMARY:** A Ruling Elder\* as a shepherd of the flock at Central College Presbyterian Church (CCPC) is a person of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they “lord it over” the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships.

### SPECIFIC DUTIES

- Scriptural responsibilities as found in Acts 15:2-6,22. Acts 16:4, Acts 14:23, Acts 20:17,18,28-30, 1 Peter 5:1-4, 1 Timothy 5:17, 1 Timothy 4:14, and James 5:14
- Supports the Vision and Mission of Central College Church and adheres to all Policies and Procedures
- Agrees to support without reservation all actions approved by vote of the Session
- Attends regularly scheduled Session meetings and other special Session meetings/activities as called from time-to-time by the Senior Pastor/Moderator.
- Actively participates in the work of Session through involvement in the various Session ministries (i.e.. communion, pastoring/shepherding, teaching, etc.) and serving on ad hoc committees as needed.
- Partners for the sake of the Gospel with paid church staff, the Board of Trustees, and Deacons and other volunteer leaders in the work of the church.

### QUALIFICATIONS

- Meets the scriptural requirements for Elders as found in Ephesians 4:11-13, 1 Timothy 3:1-7, and Titus 1:6-9
- Meets the Central College Church “Minimum Officer Qualifications for Ruling Elders, Trustees, and Deacons”
- Demonstrated primary gifting in at least one of these three spiritual gifts, Teaching, Shepherding, and Wisdom
- Previous experience serving on a board is a plus but is not required.

\*Note: Per the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Order, G-2.0404, "Once ordained and while they are active members of any congregation of this denomination, ruling elders or deacons not in active service on a session or board of deacons continue to bear the responsibilities of the ministry to which they have been ordained."