

COMMUNITIES OF FAITH COMMISSION: LIAISONS POLICY

This policy outlines the role, accountability, and authority of Communities of Faith Liaisons

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WHY IS THIS POLICY IMPORTANT?

The Communities of Faith Commission is responsible to care for communities of faith and provide resources, collegiality and support amongst communities of faith. The work may be carried out in a variety of ways, including by staff or communities of faith liaisons who are trained, supported and accountable.

PURPOSE:

Communities of faith liaisons may offer support to communities of faith in the following areas:

- Governance and Trustees
- Creating or updating a Living Faith Story
- Self-Assessments
- Considering Amalgamations and/or Closure
- Considering Shared Ministry
- Developing a vision and times of transition

Communities of faith liaisons may also serve as a member of a listening team in a community of faith. For additional information, see the Communities of Faith Commission: Listening Team Guidelines

Communities of faith liaisons may also serve as the regional representative on a transition team for an Intentional Interim Ministry. For additional information, see the Communities of Faith Commission: Intentional Interim Ministry Committee Policy and Intentional Interim Ministry Resources provided by the General Council.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Communities of faith liaisons are accountable to the Communities of Faith Commission. Staff will assign liaisons to work with specific communities of faith and provide oversight and support for their work.

When the Commission decides to send a listening team into a community of faith, the chair and Staff Lead will identify members of the team and provide direction and support. The team will report its findings and recommendations to the Commission which will decide on next steps.

AUTHORITY

Communities of faith liaisons are approved by the Communities of Faith Commission. Liaisons may only provide support to communities of faith in areas for which they have received training and/or are approved by the Commission.

Communities of faith liaisons who act outside their authority may be removed from the roster of liaisons.

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ONGOING SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE

Communities of faith liaisons will receive training and support from designated members of the Commission and staff. The Staff Lead is responsible for organizing training and for tracking which liaisons have been trained in which areas of support.

The Staff Lead or the Minister for Support to Communities of Faith may provide support to communities of faith Liaisons.

