

Member, Commission on Our Ministries (COOM), a three year term running July to June

Function The Commission has three to five members elected by the congregation and reporting to the congregation. It has two major enduring tasks. The first is to maintain and ensure the relevance of a strategic long-range plan. The second task varies from year to year and is developed at the discretion of the Commission and put forth to the congregation at the church annual meeting. This task addresses any condition or factor that has a major impact on any of the ministries of the church.

Workload (10-20 hrs/mth depending on initiatives undertaken)

Preparation

- Prior service on committee(s) within the church community; No COOM member shall concurrently hold another elected position or committee chair role.
- Knowledge of the church bylaws
- Knowledge of the church policies and procedures with particular attention to those carried out by COOM
- Willingness to broadly serve the congregation and its needs
- Participation in district/regional trainings recommended

Meetings

- Members will hold regular monthly meetings. A chair will be appointed among the group, and the chair will set the agendas for the meetings.
- Members will send a representative to attend the annual congregational business meeting, and other meetings, notably the monthly Board and/or Council meetings, as deemed appropriate to gather and disseminate information to the leadership.
- COOM will present to the congregation at the annual business meeting the task it will undertake in the upcoming program year.

Leadership Development

- COOM will provide oversight to the church's strategic plan.
- COOM will provide oversight to task forces relevant to its charge.
- In accomplishing its task(s), COOM members may conduct research, write documents to convey information to the congregation and its leadership, develop instruments and survey the congregation, and develop and execute workshops or town halls.
- As a church leader, COOM members are expected to attend occasional training and a representative may be asked to attend the annual leadership retreat with the Board of Directors in the summer.