

1b. Council Moderator and Moderator-elect

The Council Moderator is elected directly by the congregation for a two-year term of office, the first year of which is served as Moderator-elect. These terms overlap so that each year there is both a Council Moderator and a Moderator-elect participating in church government.

The Council Moderator presides over all meetings of the Church Council and of the congregation. The Moderator-elect serves as a voting member of Church Council and presides over council and congregation meetings in the absence of the Moderator.

Prior to each Church Council meeting, the Council Moderator and Moderator-elect meet with the ministers to plan the agenda and address any related issues.

Along with the Clerk and Treasurer, the Council Moderator and Moderator-elect are also responsible for nominating a Pastoral Relations Committee member every other year, and presenting the nomination to the Church Council for a vote of approval.

It is very helpful to the effectiveness of Church Council meetings if the Council Moderator ensures that the agenda for each meeting and all information required for voting on its issues are available to each council member no later than the Sunday prior to the meeting.

The Council Moderator also should maintain an up-to-date copy of the Constitution, Policies, and Procedures of the Church and ensure that they are available in the Narthex and to anyone that requests a copy.

The Council Moderator is responsible for the Annual Meeting agenda and Annual Report. It is very helpful if the Annual Report is available to the congregation one week before the Annual Meeting.