

EXPECTATIONS OF MODERATORS

The Pastoral Transition & Care Commission (PTCC) sets the following minimal expectation of those appointed by presbytery as moderators of vacant churches:

- A. The Moderator will convene the session of the vacant church at the next stated meeting of the session, not to exceed 90 days from appointment as Moderator.
 - 1. The session and appointed Moderator will clarify mutual expectations of each other as one item of business for that meeting.
 - 2. The Clerk of Session will forward a copy of the mutually agreed upon expectations to the PTCC Moderator.
- B. The appointed Moderator will moderate, at least, the four quarterly stated meetings of the session, required by the Book of Order. Exceptions may be made for valid reasons.
- C. The Moderator will attempt to make time available to moderate any and all meetings the session holds.
- D. The Moderator will report to PTCC annually or at the conclusion of his/her appointment as Moderator, a list of the dates of meetings he/she has moderated.
- E. If for valid reason a Moderator is unable to complete the duties and responsibilities as moderator of a vacant church, he/she will so inform PTCC, which will nominate another moderator for that particular vacant church, to complete the term.
- F. The Moderator serves both the particular and the larger church. Should the Moderator discern dynamics within the session or congregation, of which the Pastoral Transition & Care Commission should be aware in order to better support the health of that congregation, he/she should share those insights with the PTCC partner who is assigned to the congregation.

COMPENSATION OF MODERATORS

The Presbytery has approved the following guidelines for compensation of moderators (11/01).

- A. Sessions of vacant churches will pay mileage, exceeding 40 miles, at the current IRS rate to the appointed moderator, for all travel necessitated by that session's business.
- B. Sessions of vacant churches will pay \$75.00 (honorarium assumes mileage of up to 40 miles) for stated meetings of the session. If the Moderator is under contract with the session as a temporary or stated supply, that agreement should be negotiated to include the responsibility of moderating session meetings without additional compensation.
- C. For congregational meetings, moderating duties and compensation should be negotiated by the Session with the Moderator. If the Moderator is filling the pulpit on the Sunday of the congregational meeting, the financial arrangements for that service may also include the responsibility of moderating, upon agreement of the minister.