

# COMMUNION TRAINING FOR DEACONS AND RULING ELDERS



On March 6th at 7:00, Havenwood Presbyterian Church, 100 E. Ridgely Road, Timonium MD 21093, will host a training event for elders and deacons, resting or active, who are interested in learning how to bring communion to a member's home or bedside.

Extended Serving of Communion is a provision in our Book of Order (W-3.3616e) which allows officers to serve communion in pairs using the elements from the sanctuary service. A Teaching Elder need not be present. By extending the table beyond the sanctuary to those unable to attend, the recipient's soul is nurtured, the bond to their faith community is strengthened, and the servers share in this most humbling privilege of their office.

I'd presented this training for churches in the Donegal Presbytery and really do enjoy it. We'll talk about what it means to both serve and receive communion, discuss how to handle various pastoral situations, work through whatever reservations there may be, go over the provision and it's rationale, and, of course, practice a bit.

This link will connect to Doodle for interested elders and deacons to indicate their interest. <http://doodle.com/poll/wscv4p9guh6th2nn>. There is no fee, though small contributions to cover administrative costs will be requested.