

OFFICER TRAINING for RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

At the request of more than a few pastors, Sessions and Elders, I will again be providing several Officer Training events around NHP! This **invitation** is for **all Ruling Elders and Deacons**:

- ☐ those who are soon to be ordained and installed as an elder or deacon;
- ☐ those newly ordained and installed elders and deacons; and
- ☐ those who have served in the past and/or will be continuing to serve on Session or the Board of Deacons, yet would appreciate a refresher course or a bit more knowledge on the Constitutional questions.

Each of these training events will be held on a **Saturday from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm with refreshments and registration and refreshments beginning at 8:30 am and you're welcome to attend the one that is most convenient:**

November 23 at Morton (1068 Morton Drive, Hartsville); cosponsored with Mt. Pisgah for the Cheraw Cluster

January 11, at Murrells Inlet (4499 US 17 Bypass, Murrells Inlet) for the Grand Strand Cluster

January 18 at Lake City (301 E Main, Lake City) for the Florence Cluster

January 25 at Second (1125 Old Pocalla Road, Sumter) for the Sumter Cluster

The outline of this training will be the ordination questions for Elders and Deacons; topics to be covered will include Presbyterian/Reformed theology, polity, history and social witness.

I'm offering this because most of our congregations don't have full time pastoral leadership to provide this required and helpful education and preparation. For those congregations with pastoral leadership, a new voice or a break from providing this training might be welcomed. Plus, it is often better to do it in a group setting. I love teaching this material and I have been told that the education and preparation was good and helpful.

If you are planning on attending, **PLEASE** email Office@NewHarmonyPres.org so we may send you preparation materials as well as know the approximate number for handouts and refreshments.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thanks and God bless.

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