

Ruling Elder Preparation/Training for Presiding at the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper



Why: One of the responsibilities of all councils of the church – session, presbytery, synod and General Assembly – is to “provide that the Sacraments may be rightly administered and received.” (G 3-3.0101) The presbytery has a responsibility for “authorizing and training specific ruling elders to administer or preside at the Lord’s Supper when it deems it necessary to meet the needs for the administration of the Sacrament.”(G-3.0301b) As the presbytery seeks to fulfill this responsibility, there will be several training events around the presbytery in September and October.

Who: All sessions, particularly those whose churches do not have pastoral leadership, are invited to recommend and send 2-3 ruling elders (they do not have to be on the session currently) in good standing to ONE of these events, noting that in order to be authorized to preside at communion, participants must attend the entire event from beginning to end. Names of ruling elders must be submitted to the Stated Clerk of the presbytery prior to the training.

Where and When: Training/Preparation Events, led by minister of Word and Sacrament members of the presbytery following a common plan, will be held at the following churches on the dates provided.

SEPTEMBER 23, 2:00 – 6:00 PM

Bridgeport Presbyterian Church
Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church, Elkins
Teays Valley Presbyterian Church, Scott Depot

OCTOBER 7, 2:00 – 6:00 PM

Old Stone Presbyterian, Lewisburg
First Presbyterian Church, Oak Hill

OCTOBER 14, 2:00 – 6:00 pm

Beechwood, Parkersburg
Gilbert Presbyterian Church

The registration deadline for each event is one week in advance of the event.

To register, or for more information, Clerks of Session should email send names to Maureen Wright, Stated Clerk, statedclerk@wvpresbytery.org; call Maureen Wright at 304-744-7634; or complete the form below and send it to: Prebytery of WV: attn.: Maureen Wright, 520 Second Avenue, S. Charleston, WV 25303.

Church Name _____

Name(s) of Participants _____

_____ will attend the Communion Training at _____.