

A Guide for Setting Pastoral Priorities

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{Pastors and team members should separately rank the following ministerial functions in order of importance. Rankings will be compared and discussed as a full team.}

_____ Worship and Preaching

Planning and conducting services of worship including sermon preparation and working with others who will participate in leading corporate worship.

_____ Community Involvement

Serving as a volunteer or board member with community organizations, public affairs, social service agencies, and educational groups, etc.

_____ Hospitality

Working alongside laity to enhance the church's ministry to guest, meeting with potential new members, teaching new member classes.

_____ Spiritual Formation/Disciple Formation

Leading study/spiritual growth groups, teaching confirmation classes, leading youth groups, overseeing church's spiritual formation ministries.

_____ Counseling

Counseling with individuals or couples, including pre-marital counseling

_____ Self-Care

Setting aside time for self-care, including vacations, family, study, prayer, physical well-being.

_____ Denominational and Ecumenical Responsibilities

Being part of conference ministry teams such as the Board of Ordained Ministry, Board of Higher Education, Conference Committee on Finance, etc.

_____ Administration

Working with ministry teams, helping to plan and coordinate the church's ministries, supervision of paid staff.

_____ Leadership

Working with ministry team leaders to create a strategic ministry plan and to equip the leaders to live out the church's vision and mission.

_____ Visitation

Providing pastoral care to members through hospital visits, cards, phone calls, emails, texts, and visits.