

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY 1 DEFINITIONS

Communicators' Network

One volunteer member from each congregation in Heartland Presbytery serves as a communications conduit from the presbytery to the pew. Communicators are not pastors but members who desire their congregation to be connected to the larger church. Communicators will gather for training and support at least twice annually. Communicators may be asked to include an announcement or insert in the worship bulletin or recruit an individual who is willing to work on a short term response, for example, in the case of a natural disaster.

Ruling Elder

An active member of a congregation in Heartland Presbytery who has been ordained as a ruling elder. Ruling elders need not be currently serving on their sessions. The membership of ecclesiastical committees is limited to Presbyterian Church (USA) teaching elders and ruling elders.

Lay Member

An active member of a congregation in Heartland Presbytery and may be an ordained ruling elder, deacon or non-ordained members.

Teaching Elder

A Presbyterian Church (USA) Minister of the Word and Sacrament who is an active member of Heartland Presbytery.

Temporary Member of Presbytery

A teaching elder from another denomination in full communion or correspondence with the General Assembly who retains their ecclesiastical status in their denomination. Temporary members have the right of voice and vote at presbytery meetings. Temporary members may not serve on an ecclesiastical committee, Presbytery Council, committee of Presbytery Council or the Board of Trustees. Temporary members are expected to follow Presbyterian polity, presbytery policies, teach and expound reformed theology and lead reformed worship from the Presbyterian (USA) perspective when in the service of a Presbyterian Church (USA) congregation. When the relationship ends, temporary membership in the presbytery ends.