



# The Lighthouse

November 2020

## Qualifications and Duties of Church Officers

According to the Book of Church Order of the Presbyterian Church in America

### The Elder

8-1. This office is one of dignity and usefulness. The man who fills it has in Scripture different titles expressive of his various duties. As he has the oversight of the flock of Christ, he is termed bishop or pastor. As it is his duty to be spiritually fruitful, dignified, and prudent, an example to the flock, and to govern well in the house and Kingdom of Christ, he is termed presbyter or elder. As he expounds the Word, and by sound doctrine both exhorts and convinces the gainsayer, he is termed teacher. These titles do not indicate different grades of office, but all describe one and the same office.

8-2. He that fills this office should possess a competency of human learning and be blameless in life, sound in the faith and apt to teach. He should exhibit a sobriety and holiness of life becoming the Gospel. He should rule his own house well and should have a good report of them that are outside the Church.

8-3. It belongs to those in the office of elder, both severally and jointly, to watch diligently over the flock committed to his charge, that no corruption of doctrine or of morals enter therein. They must exercise government and discipline, and take oversight not only of the spiritual interests of the particular church, but also the Church generally when called thereunto. They should visit the people at their homes, especially the sick. They should instruct the ignorant, comfort the mourner, nourish and guard the children of the Church. They should set a worthy example to the flock entrusted to their care by their zeal to evangelize the unconverted, make disciples, and demonstrate hospitality. All those duties which private Christians are bound to discharge by the law of love are especially incumbent upon them by divine vocation, and are to be discharged as official duties. They should pray with and for the people, being careful and diligent in seeking the fruit of the preached Word among the flock.

## The Deacon

9-1. The office of deacon is set forth in the Scriptures as ordinary and perpetual in the Church. The office is one of sympathy and service, after the example of the Lord Jesus; it expresses also the communion of saints, especially in their helping one another in time of need.

9-2. It is the duty of the deacons to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress. It is their duty also to develop the grace of liberality in the members of the church, to devise effective methods of collecting the gifts of the people, and to distribute these gifts among the objects to which they are contributed. They shall have the care of the property of the congregation, both real and personal, and shall keep in proper repair the church edifice and other buildings belonging to the congregation. In matters of special importance affecting the property of the church, they cannot take final action without the approval of the Session and consent of the congregation. In the discharge of their duties the deacons are under the supervision and authority of the Session. In a church in which it is impossible for any reason to secure deacons, the duties of the office shall devolve upon the ruling elders.

9-3. To the office of deacon, which is spiritual in nature, shall be chosen men of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly spirit, warm sympathies, and sound judgment.



Kayleigh Clark 8th  
Harrison Horn 11th  
Vielsa Harding 13th  
Kathy VanderKoooy 21st  
Fran Bagby 25th  
Winston Horn 28th

## Dates to Remember for November

- Nov.1 Communion
- Nov.1 Daylight Savings Time Ends (Move your clocks back 1 hour on Sat night)
- Nov.4 Circle Meeting at 9:30am in the church parlor
- Nov. 15 Deadline to have Operation Christmas Child Boxes to the church
- Nov. 25-27 Church Office Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday

# Prayer and Praise

Jody Collinge

October 21, 2020



## Travels: (Dios mediante--Lord willing)

- To New York? Soon, I hope!

## Thank God:

- I am finally back in Zihuatanejo, after about 6 months in the U.S. Thank God for wonderful hospitality with friends in Texas, Samachique (Mexico), and Arizona. In Payson, Arizona, I stayed with Terry and Jeannie Dalrymple and visited the new office of the Global CHE Network.
- Zihuatanejo is lovely, and it is great to be back with friends. COVID-19 is still increasing here, but I am playing it safe. Schools and many churches are closed, and many people wear masks.
- Thank God for the Internet, which makes it easy to meet with people from all over the world and stay connected. Here are some of the activities that have kept me busy:
  - *Reaching Children* online course, based on Jonah
  - And then teaching *Wrong Way, Jonah* with kids from Syracuse
  - Many phone calls, meetings, and online Bible studies
  - Connections with friends in Africa
  - Online Bible study training by Precept International

- Transform World International Leadership Summit
- "Attending" online church services in New York, Arizona, and Zihuatanejo
- Online painting classes
- Trying out Beloved Truth Community's new site

**Please be praying:**

- My biggest prayer concern right now is for my mother, Mary Ellen Collinge, who is 94 and has a recurrence of a health issue. Thank God that we can talk each day on the phone. Thanks for your prayers for her.
- I have been trying to see Mom since March, but it has been very difficult. Thank God that there are weekly flights from Zihuatanejo and a friend has offered to host me during New York's two week quarantine requirement. But her senior center is currently closed to visitors. Pray for the Lord to literally open doors for me to see her. Nothing is impossible for God!
- Along with many cities and villages around the world, Zihuatanejo has been hard hit by COVID-19. In addition to those suffering from illness and death, many businesses have been closed and people are hurting financially. Thank God for those in Zihua who have helped their neighbors.
- Stay tuned! Soon we will tell you about a way to share with those in need.

**Thanks for your prayers! How can I be praying for you?**

- How has COVID-19 affected you and your family?
- How are you doing?

Dios les bendiga. May the Lord keep on blessing you. Stay safe!

Jody

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Please designate that they are for my support. Thanks!