



Presbytery of the Cascades

Boards, Commissions & Committees

Board of Trustees (12 members, Ruling Elders and Ministers)

- Manages presbytery property;
- Approves loan requests from churches;
- Approves grant requests from churches;
- Approves lease agreements from churches;
- Develops budgets and oversee finances of presbytery.

Commission on Ministry (4 Regional 12 member Commissions of Ruling Elders and Ministers)

- Serves as pastor/counselor to ministers, commissioned ruling elders, and certified Christian educators of the presbytery;
- Facilitates relations and settles difficulties between congregations and ministers;
- Participates in church Triennial Visits;
- Works with congregations in securing pastoral leadership;
- Approves and dissolves pastoral calls and contracts;
- Provides oversight of congregations without pastors;
- Examines ministers for membership in the presbytery.

Commission on Preparation for Ministry (12 members, elders and ministers)

- Provides for the nurture, care and oversight of inquirers and candidates for ministry;
- Provides for annual consultation with inquirers and candidates as they move through the process;
- Members serve as liaisons between candidates, congregations and the presbytery.

Committee on Representation (7 members, church members, elders and ministers)

- Works to ensure the presbytery meets representation responsibilities and goals as found in the constitution and standing rules;
- Encourages presbytery to work for a more diverse membership;
- Consults with personnel committee when staff are called or hired.

Nominating Committee (12 members, Ruling Elders and Ministers)

- Seeks candidates for boards, commissions and committees of the presbytery in light of representational requirements and goals.
- Recruits candidates for synod and general assembly commissioners.

Permanent Judicial Commission (7 members, 6 year term, elders and ministers)

- Serves as the ecclesiastical court for the presbytery

Personnel & Administration Committee (8 members, church members, elders & ministers)

- Develops and implements personnel policies;
- Conducts performance reviews of presbytery employees;
- Deals with personnel and administrative matters

Communication and Technology Team (elder/minister elected chair + appointees who are church members, elders or ministers)

- Oversees technology grants;
- Develops & refines communication strategies with and without technology
- Sounding Board for Presbytery Stated Meeting Planning

The presbytery reimburses committee members for committee related travel expenses but most committees now meet [online via Zoom](#).

Email office@potc.life with any questions regarding serving on one of these committees.