

CONNECTING ELDER IN THE TRINITY CONFERENCE

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Role of Connecting Elder

The role of the Connecting Elder (CE) is rooted in the ministry and oversight responsibilities of the Presiding Elder (PE). While certain core tasks—such as Cabinet participation—are not delegable, many functions may be extended through the CE to support ministry and strengthen connectional leadership.

Caring for the body of Christ within the Trinity Conference, the CE serves as a vital conduit of encouragement, accountability, and alignment with the mission and doctrine of the Global Methodist Church.

Appointment and Oversight

- CEs are appointed annually by the Conference Superintendent (CS), in consultation with the PE.
- The PE organizes all appointed clergy and assigned laity in the area under each CE's care.
- CEs will meet with the PE on a regular basis (no less than quarterly).

Universal Expectations of the Connecting Elder

- Guard, transmit, and proclaim the apostolic faith.
- Communicate and defend the Book of Doctrines and Discipline (BoDD).
- Maintain regular communication (minimum quarterly) with clergy and laity for prayer, support, and ministry guidance.
- Champion relational development among assigned clergy and laity.
- Facilitate class meetings and promote class and band groups throughout the area.
- Report concerns and celebrations from area churches and leaders to the PE.

Responsibilities Assigned by the Presiding Elder

- Hear the inquiries of those discerning a call to ministry.
- Make provisions for sacramental ministry where oversight and accountability are required.
- Preside over charge and church conferences.
- Carry out additional responsibilities as assigned by the PE.