

GUIDELINES FOR THE MODERATOR OF SESSION

Presbytery of North Central Iowa

The Moderator of Session is expected to

1. Preside over all meetings of the session while the church is without a pastor. The moderator is expected to assume leadership as soon as the pastoral relationship is dissolved.
2. Confer with the Clerk of Session regarding meeting agendas.
3. Offer guidance and encouragement to the session so that the normal program of the church in all its aspects (worship, pastoral care, stewardship, education, service, etc.) can continue.
4. Be in continual dialogue with the Committee on Ministry regarding the progress and problems of the church.
5. Preside at congregational meetings.
6. Pray with and for the people of the church that God will guide their search for a minister who will lead them in successful ministry.

Additional Guidelines for the Moderator for churches who will be seeking pastoral leadership through a search process:

1. Work with the Presbytery Committee on Ministry as they assist the session in securing an interim pastor and/or temporary pastoral service for Sunday preaching*, the administration of the Sacraments and the care of the congregation.
2. Consult with the Presbytery Committee on Ministry as they assist the Session in developing a mission self study (which will assist the Pastor Nominating Committee [PNC] in the development of the Church Information Form).
3. Normally the Session Moderator does not meet with the PNC except as specifically requested to do so in consultation with the Committee on Ministry.

Financial compensation:

A Moderator of a church without a pastor shall receive from that church \$50.00 for each meeting moderated plus reimbursement for other expenses connected with these duties including round-trip mileage at the prevailing IRS rate for employees.

* See current Pulpit Supply Guidelines for compensation