

## **OPP 7.5 SENIOR MINISTER PASTORAL SUPPORT MINISTRY**

### **PURPOSE**

This Operating Policy and Procedure (OPP) outlines the purpose, objectives, responsibilities, and oversight mechanisms of the Sr. Minister Pastoral Support Ministry in accordance of the Bylaws of Round Rock Christian Church. (Note: Each called minister of Round Rock Christian Church will have his/her individual support Ministry Team.)

### **MINISTRY PURPOSE**

This Ministry provides a channel of advocacy for the Sr. Minister. The goal of the ministry is to provide an atmosphere of acceptance, trust and confidentiality through which insights, words of encouragement, and constructive criticism can be honestly and lovingly communicated between the Sr. Minister and the congregation. The focus of this ministry is *relational* as opposed to being a task-centered group.

### **MINISTRY OBJECTIVES**

- Develop a support network for the Sr. Minister.
- Advocate for an environment of renewal and care.
- Provide a regular channel of communication between the Minister and the congregation.
- Give attention to the feelings and emotional factors of ministry in the context of building up the body of Christ.

### **COMPOSITION, CHAIR, MEETINGS**

- Members
  - Sr. Minister
  - Lay members
    - At least three church members who are active in personal worship, service, and growth, and are committed to the mission and vision of the congregation
    - Selected by the Sr. Minister
    - Serve rotating three-year terms
- Chair
  - Chair is selected by the group during the first meeting of the calendar year
  - Chair or the Sr. Minister reports to the Guiding Board (reports are brief and limited, due to the confidential nature of this Ministry's work)
- Meetings: At least every other month

### **MINISTRY ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Annually, according to the timeline of the Guiding Board, review and revise this OPP.

### **SUPPORT AND OVERSIGHT**

Support and oversight of this ministry is given to the Guiding Board.

## REFERENCES

- Ephesians 4:15-16  
*“But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.”* New Revised Standard Version
- “Revised Guidelines for the Pastoral relations Committee,” revised May 2014, Disciples Home Missions, website:  
[http://disciples.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Pastoral\\_Relations\\_Committee\\_guide.pdf](http://disciples.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Pastoral_Relations_Committee_guide.pdf)

**AUTHORITY:** *The Bylaws of Round Rock Christian Church and RRCC OPP 1.4 – Ministry Designations. The Guiding Board designates and establishes ministries to carry out the mission and consider the needs of the Sr. Minister of the congregation.*

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