

EXTRACTS

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... RULES AND PROCEDURE ...

—OF THE—

Presbyterian Church in Canada.

THE KIRK SESSION.

The Session consists of the minister, or ministers, and elders of a congregation.

The duty of the Session is to watch over and promote in every Scriptural way the spiritual interests of the congregation; more particularly to receive applicants for admission into the Church; to admit those who have been baptized into full communion, and to receive persons bringing certificates of membership from other congregations; to grant certificates to members leaving the congregation; to watch over the Christian deportment of the members of the congregation; to exercise discipline by admonition, rebuke, suspension, or exclusion from membership; to restore to privileges; to care for the religious instruction of the young, including the oversight of Sabbath Schools; to determine all matters touching the order of public worship, including the service of praise; to arrange for the dispensation of the sacraments; to appoint congregational fasts or thanksgivings; to appoint the time and mode of making special collections, and where there are no deacons, to provide for the necessities of the poor; to call congregational meetings; to examine and judge of the qualifications of persons elected to the eldership and the deaconship; to receive and judge of petitions; to transmit papers to the Presbytery, and to do whatever else may, in their opinion, promote the religious interests of the congregation.

The Session is responsible to the Presbytery for the use made of the church edifice, and is entitled to the control thereof and to the custody of the key (section 25).

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