

# Regarding Ruling Elders: A Monthly Series for Serving Faithfully

Articles which lift up the specific responsibilities within the calling of ruling elders while also providing an opportunity to reflect upon how they are lived out, including the spiritual life of leaders.

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## YEAR OF LEADER FORMATION

As Christians, we are in a continuous process of growth in relationship with God, each other, and self. This is also true of those who have been called to service in the ordered ministries of the church. 2021 focused on this formation for ruling elders through their qualities of leadership.

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[Leaders Dance](#)

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## COMING ALIVE IN CHRIST

Using the resource Coming Alive in Christ: Training for PC(USA) Ruling Elders and Deacons based on the Constitutional Questions, this series focused on each of these questions

[A Seat at the Table](#)

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## DISCERN AND MEASURE

Series focusing on the ways ruling elders discern and measure the life of a congregation through the ministry of members

[Reading the Room](#)

[Proclaiming the Good News in Word and Deed](#)

[Taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation](#)

[Lifting One Another up in Prayer, Mutual Concern, and Active Support](#)

[Studying Scripture and the Issues of Christian Faith and Life](#)

[Supporting the Ministry of the Church through the Giving of Money, Time, and Talents](#)

[Demonstrating a New Quality of Life Within and Through the Church](#)

[Responding to God's Activity in the World through Service to Others](#)

[Living Responsibly in the Personal, Family, Vocational, Political, Cultural and Social Relationships of Life](#)

[Working in the World for Peace, Justice, Freedom, and Human Fulfillment](#)

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**EMBRACING OUR VARIED GIFTS**

Series sharing stories about how ruling elders are using their call and gifts as they move about within and beyond the walls of the congregation

[Discernment and Wonder](#)

[Embracing the valuable ministry of ruling elders](#)

[One Theology of Ministry](#)

[Use Me, God](#)

[Making a Meaningful Difference in the World](#)

[Practical faith and faithful practice](#)

[Be Ready with Your Eyes Open](#)

[For All the People of God to be Seen and Loved](#)

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