

Presbytery of East Iowa
Commission on Ministry and Vitality
COMV Member Role and Responsibilities

COMV exists to provide care to congregations and ministers by establishing and compassionately maintaining policies regarding pastoral ministry and Session leadership. As such, COMV shall provide support in matters pertaining to conflict, ministry transitions, contracts, installations, and congregational vitality. In service to this purpose, members of COMV are committing to:

- Attend monthly COMV meetings, where liaisons will report issues or events that could require COMV action.
- Participate in e-votes and special meetings.
- Serve as a liaison to an equitable number of congregations among the membership of COMV. Liaisons are expected to build positive, supportive relationships between the presbytery and congregations. While Liaisons have a particularly important role in encouraging congregational vitality and guiding congregations through times of pastoral transition, they are not expected to be experts in the transition process or to be congregational leadership coaches. For support with congregations in transition and/or resource recommendations, liaisons should reach out to the Executive Presbyter, Stated Clerk, Co-Moderators of COMV, and/or the entire COMV when congregational needs are identified.
- Check in with liaising congregations (either the pastor or clerk of session) at least quarterly. Please note that COMV liaisons are not authorized to attend Session meetings without both the advance invitation of that Session's moderator and notice provided to COMV.

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