

Pastoral Relations Committee of SHUCC

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The Pastoral Relations Committee

The Pastoral
Relations
Committee serves
as an unbiased
liaison between the
pastor and the
congregation.



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The Pastoral Relations

Committee is a small standing team that works to support and maintain an open and healthy relationship between the pastor and the congregation. This committee advocates both for the pastor and for the members of a congregation. Defining areas of potential conflict between the pastor's ministerial goals and those of the congregation and building a framework in which conflict can be dealt with openly and honestly creates a climate in which the spiritual life and effectiveness of the church's mission are enhanced.

Individual members of a congregation may have differing expectations of a pastor. A dynamic sermon each week, regular visitation, an active role in stewardship, an avoidance of the topic of money, an emphasis on evangelism or a focus on addressing social issues are examples of priorities that may vary greatly among the members of a congregation. Helping the congregation to have reasonable expectations of the pastor and helping the pastor to understand the priorities of the congregants are essential functions performed by the Pastoral Relations Committee.

For personal well-being and effectiveness, the pastor also requires a means of sharing matters regarding the church that may be troubling to the pastor. By meeting regularly with the pastor and providing a setting that invites and nurtures openness, the PRC demonstrates concern for the pastor's total being in ministry and communicates genuine acceptance and care for the person who has been called "to equip the saints of the church."
