

8.10 Moderator of presbytery

- (1) The Moderator of a presbytery must
 - (a) constitute, preside over, and generally direct the business of the meetings of presbytery to ensure due order and efficiency,
 - (b) exercise pastoral oversight over members of presbytery, and
 - (c) perform other duties that may be prescribed by the supplementary provisions.

- (1A) Deputy moderators may be appointed to undertake specified duties of the Moderator where it is not practical for the Moderator to attend to these.

- (2) The Moderator may vacate the chair for the purpose of expressing his or her opinion or moving a motion, or if he or she is a party in a case before presbytery.

- (3) If the position of Moderator falls vacant through death, transfer, or for any other reason, the most recent former Moderator of a presbytery must assume and perform the Moderator's duties; and if that person is not available, the Moderator of the General Assembly must appoint a Moderator for that presbytery.

- (4) A person appointed under subsection (3) must cease to act as Moderator when presbytery elects a new Moderator.

- (5) If the Moderator is temporarily unavailable to perform his or her duties, a presbytery must elect an acting Moderator to exercise the duties of the office until they are resumed by the Moderator.

- (6) If the Moderator is an elder, the presbytery
 - (a) may authorise the Moderator to administer the sacrament of Holy Communion and officiate at ordinations and inductions including the laying on of hands during his or her tenure of office, and
 - (b) must ensure that the Moderator receives assistance and training as required, and
 - (c) must ensure that provision is made in its budget for the support of the Moderator equivalent to and including the allowances which would be made in the case of a minister.