

PRESBYTERY REPRESENTATIVES

Policy

Metropolitan United Church has five representatives who support Middlesex Presbytery's mission to awaken its people and congregations to the message of the Scriptures, and to encourage them through support and compassionate oversight, to fulfill their Christian ministry in the world.

Responsibilities

1. As members of the Middlesex Presbytery, two Metropolitan United Church members serve on the Executive; two others serve as Metropolitan representatives at Middlesex Presbytery meetings. The Senior Minister is a member of Presbytery.
2. All five representatives attend Presbytery meetings (usually 5 per year) and vote on any pieces of business that come before the court.
3. All five representatives serve on Presbytery committees (e.g., Division of Finance and Administration, Division of World Outreach) which ordinarily meet monthly.
4. Sometimes a workshop is held between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. before the meetings. Usually there is a dinner preceding meetings for which representatives pay \$15.00. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and include a worship service, division reports and voting on any motions that are presented. Meetings usually end between 9:30 and 10:00 p.m.
5. Duties are carried out according to the [Guide to Active Membership](#) published by Middlesex Presbytery.
6. Members are encouraged to attend an annual meeting of London Conference in May. Members are also encouraged to attend Covenanting services for those individuals accepted as candidates for ordination.
7. When there are Presbytery matters that specifically concern Metropolitan's members, the Senior Minister provides a summary in the church bulletin.
8. Examples of support and compassionate oversight include fundraising activity to support the building of a daycare in South Africa, and sponsoring an information morning regarding the United Church's support of Palestinians in the Occupied Zone.
9. Representatives review this policy annually. If changes are made, it is sent to the Board of Elders for approval.

Related Documents/External Resources

[Guide to Active Membership](#), Middlesex Presbytery

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