

Officer Training 2026

Our Schedule — A Proposal

Session #	Days & Times
1 — We Believe: A look at the Book of Confessions & Life Together: Exploring the Nature of Christian Community	Tuesday, September 15 from 6:30-8:00 PM In Room 100
2 — The Book of Order FOG & Daily Disciplines & Prayer	Tuesday, September 22 from 6:30-8:00 PM In Room 100
3 — Church Leadership When You Don't Know Where We Are Going: Technical versus Adaptive Change & The Examen	Wednesday October 21 from 6:30-8:00 PM in Room 100
4 — Nuts and Bolts: what the Book of Order says about Elders and Deacons & The Thirsty Soul & The Heart's Desire — Part One	Saturday October 24 from 1:00 to 3:30 First session In Fellowship Hall
5 — Church Meetings that Work & The Thirsty Soul & The Heart's Desire — Part Two	Saturday October 24 from 3:30 - 5:00 PM Second session In Fellowship Hall

Dear Officers-elect,

Above is a proposal for the schedule for our 2026 training. I have put 3 of the 5 training sessions on weekday evenings and the final two in a Saturday mini-retreat. I know that it is possible that not all of you can attend every time. I would simply ask that if you miss, you “make up” the session by listening to the audio or watching the video of the session once it is posted on the church website.

I am convinced that officer training should be a combination of *information* and *formation*. That is — you have some basic information you need . . . but you *also need* help in developing the spiritual disciplines which will make your service meaningful and rich. In the above chart you will see **Information** titled in blue and **Formation** pieces listed in green.

I will work hard to make this training of such good quality that it is worth your time to attend. I look forward to learning with you in the coming weeks. — in peace, *Paul*