

## **Guidelines for Mentors of Commissioned Ruling Elders**

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*Presbytery of Northern Kansas*

“The ruling elder commissioned under the terms of G-2.1001 shall work under the supervision of the presbytery...A teaching elder shall be assigned as a mentor and supervisor.”

*--Book of Order G-2.1004*

1. The mentor should be a good role model for the Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE).
2. The mentor shall be an ordained teaching elder and a member of presbytery, ordinarily a pastor other than the CRE's pastor.
3. The mentor should be approachable and non-judgmental; the mentor should listen before giving advice and/or constructive criticism.
4. The CRE and mentor should be in contact at least quarterly. It is the CRE's responsibility to initiate contact. Furthermore, the mentor shall report annually to the June meeting of the Committee on Ministry on the CRE's ministry.
5. The mentor is appointed by the Committee on Ministry from the nominees submitted by the CRE and/or the Committee on Ministry.
6. Ordinarily no mentor shall have responsibility for more than one CRE.