

# Elder Training

## Introductory Elder Training Module

2 hours 30 minutes

- 7:00 PM Introduction  
Open with prayer.  
Welcome/Housekeeping Items.  
Introductions.  
Name, home church, religious background (always been a Presbyterian?)  
When were you elected to become an Elder?
- 7:20 PM Video “So, You’ve been elected and Elder”, Part I-**Role of session** (10 minutes).
- 7:30 PM Discussion of video including feelings of group members about becoming an Elder. (15 Minutes)  
The role of the session vs. the role of the congregation
- 7:45 PM Video “So, You’ve been elected and Elder”, Part IV **Presbyterian Order** (10 Minutes)
- 7:55 PM The formation and nature of the constitution of the Presbyterian Church  
The Book of Confessions  
The Book of Order  
Discussion of Glacier Presbytery, its officers and structure.  
Discussion of Synod of the Rocky Mountains, its officers an structure.  
The representative nature of our Polity  
Discussion of the ordination of Elders.  
The relationship between the Elders and the Pastor.
- 8:15 Break (10 Minutes)
- 8:25 Ordination Questions Discussion (45 minutes)  
Question I -The Church and its Lord  
Question II-The Authority of Scripture  
Questions III & IV-The Church and its Confessions  
Question V-The Governing of the Church  
Questions VI & VIII-Personal Commitment  
Question VII-Peace Unity and Purity  
Question IX-Duties of the Office
- 9:10 Video Presentation “The Spiritual Dimension of Leadership” by Parker Palmer. 45 minutes
- 9:55 Summarize Tape
- 9:57 Close in Prayer
- 10:00 Dismiss

Materials needed:

- Video. “So you’ve been elected and Elder” ([Available from the Resource Center](#))
- Video “The Spiritual Dimension of Leadership” [Available from the \(Resource Center\)](#)
- Booklet for each class member. The Ordination Questions, A study for Church Officers. Order from Presbyterian [Markerplace](#) (Item # 060003) \$4.95
- Book of Order for each class member. [Download for free.](#) \$7.50 for a printed copy
- A video tape player
- A Bible