

Pastoral Workers Mandate

Pastoral workers are given the mandate to make “visits of encouragement” to the families and singles of Georgetown Christian Reformed Church on behalf of Council in accordance with 1 Thessalonians 5:11. They are appointed for a period of one year.

These visits are meant to encourage families and singles to be faithful in their daily walk with the Lord focusing on areas such as devotions, church attendance and participation in congregational life. As such they are not merely social visits.

We would encourage our pastoral workers to include Bible reading and prayer as part of the visit where possible.

Pastoral workers work as a team in conjunction with the ordained elder of the district and are accountable to that elder. After each visit, the pastoral worker ought to report verbally to the district elder on the visit. In the report he/she should indicate how the visit went, and share any joys and concerns arising from the visit. Of course, matters of confidentiality need not be reported on.

The pastoral worker is not mandated to exercise discipline, or censure, or giving practices. The district elder would handle such matters.

Pastoral workers are encouraged to work as a team with the pastoral elders to enhance the spiritual life of our congregation.

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NOTE: August 24, 2021 Pastoral Council Minutes: A motion was put forward that, at the present time, Pastoral Council does not require Pastoral Workers. Carried.