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President

1. **Election:** The Region is responsible for electing a President from among its members.
2. **Term of Office:** The term of office for the President is for the term of one (1) year.
3. **President-Elect:** The Region shall also elect a President-Elect to serve as the next President.
4. **Responsibilities of President:**
 - a. Chairs the Regional Council Executive and Regional Council Annual Meeting.
 - b. Presiding and keeping order at meetings, taking votes and announcing the results.
 - c. Directing the Region's business.
 - d. Coordinates worship/prayers/theological reflection at the meetings of the Executive.
 - e. Prepares the report to Regional Council on behalf of the Executive.
 - f. Serves on the Regional Council Annual Meeting Planning Committee.
 - g. Represents the Region in response to invitations, both ecumenical and community based or arranges for representative.
 - h. Represents Regional Council at funerals of Ministry Personnel or arranges for suitable representative.
 - i. Performs such other duties as may be assigned by the Regional Council.
 - j. May attend the AFFIRM Annual Conference.
5. **Division Membership:** The President is ex-officio member of all Regional Divisions.
6. **Right to Preside at Services and Administer Communion (a President who is a diaconal minister or a lay person may also)**
 - i. preside at services of commissioning and ordination; and
 - ii. administer communion at regular meetings of the Region Council and its executive.
7. **Acting President:**

If the President, resigns, is removed, dies or cannot serve for any other reason, an Acting President must take their place. If there is a Past-President, that person will be the Acting President. This Acting President will complete the term. If there is no Past-President the Acting President will be the President-Elect. This Acting President will complete the term and then move into their next term.

Past-President:

1. Is a member of the Regional Council Executive and the Annual Meeting Planning Committee.
2. Convenes the Retirees and Jubilarians banquet.
3. Hosts the Ecumenical guests to the Regional Council Meeting.
4. Assumes other duties in consultation with the President.

President-Elect:

1. Is a member of the Regional Council Executive and the Annual Meeting Planning Committee.
2. Leads early morning worship on the Friday and Saturday of the Regional Council Annual Meeting, if needed.
3. Receives a complimentary ticket to the Retirees and Jubilarians banquet.