



CHURCH COMMUNION CELEBRATION PREPARATION

For all pastors, elders and ministers

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PROPER PREPARATION PREVENTS POOR PERFORMANCE

- Pastoral Preparation
- Congregational Preparation
- Table Preparation
- Volunteer Preparation



PASTORAL PREPARATION

- Study to show yourself approved...
 - Communion Reference Scriptures: Matt 26:26-28, Luke 22: 19-20, Acts 2:42, 20:7, I Cor. 10:17; 11:24-26
 - Confidence- Make sure you are convinced and convicted about “ the Lord’s Supper” build yourself up in prayer, meditation, and by reading appropriate literature
 - Learn the terminology and techniques
 - Tools—
 - Personal library of Handbooks
 - Media (with caution)
 - Liturgy– Select congregationally and ceremonially appropriate to use
 - Practice enunciation, pronunciation
 - Vestments– Clerical Shirt, Cassock, Surplice, Tippet for Ordained Elders





VOCABULARY

- **Sacrament - a rite commanded by Christ which uses an earthly element as a sign of grace.**
- **Element - the bread and wine in communion and the water in Holy (water) Baptism**
- **Celebrants - Officiating Minister**
- **Linens - white linen cloths**
- **Liturgy – the prescribed worship service of the church**
- **Pulpit – the “place of the word”, place of the preaching of the Word of God. Not necessarily the same as a lectern.**

CONGREGATIONAL PREPARATION

- Settle the issues, quiet any qualms about serving the sacraments and wide views about this institution.
 - Use the scriptures
 - Biblical Teaching
 - Ceremonial Training
 - Appropriate song selection
 - Establish a quorum and get “buy-in”
 - Establish a communion committee



TABLE AND VESTMENT PREPARATION

- Table
 - Covering and linens
 - Communion ware, communion trays, communion cups, sanitizer, wastebaskets
 - Elements
 - Bread
 - Wine
- Vestments/ uniform of others celebrants, preferably white for the choir and those who assist.



COMMUNION VOLUNTEER PREPARATION

- Communion Stewards
- Ushers
- Table Stewards
- Adjutants– may or may not be amour-bearers
- Special Communion Service Training



DO NOT MISJUDGE THIS CELEBRATION

- Holy Celebration
- Forethought
- Care
- Visual observation
- Minister's Care

