

**Presbytery of Scioto Valley  
Commission of Congregational Life (CCL)**

**Policy on Congregational Connections**

Note: The Book of Order requirement that “COM shall visit with each session of the presbytery at least once every three years.” (G-11.0502c) has been removed from the 2013/2015 edition. This policy replaces the previous “Policy on Triennial Congregational Visits”

**PURPOSE**

The purposes of Congregation Connections are:

- To promote and develop communication within and among Presbytery of Scioto Valley congregations, pastors, and the presbytery.
- To affirm and support the good ministry being accomplished in the name of Christ.
- To connect the session with the resources of the presbytery, the synod and the General Assembly.
- To ask questions and share information that will raise the vision of church leaders.
- To encourage the congregations as they seek to respond to God’s call.
- To help congregations deal with any problems.

The purpose of the contact is not to examine the congregations for irregularities.

**PLAN**

An objective of the CCL is to make contact with each congregation at least once every two (2) years. The purpose of the contact will be to:

- To learn about, to celebrate, and to support the mission and ministry of each congregation,
- To hear from the congregation’s pastor/moderator and session,
- To learn about how the Presbytery can be a supportive partner with them in ministry.
- To establish a line of communication for congregations to know who to contact if there is a need.

**PROCESS**

Representatives of the Relationship Development body of the CCL shall contact the Clerk of Session of each congregation either by direct visit, phone call, e-mail, or postal mail. A response from the Clerk is expected to verify that a line of communication is open. A brief summary of the contact will be submitted to the CCL.