

Memphis Theological Seminary Board of Trustees Description - March 2012

The purpose of the MTS Board of Trustees is to maintain and operate the theological seminary/graduate school for the instruction, education, training, and preparation of persons called to the pastoral ministry, mission work, Christian education work, or other service in the Church, and especially in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The Board of Trustees has the full responsibility for the management and control of the business, property and affairs of the corporation subject to the direction and control of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The MTS Bylaws set forth the following duties and responsibilities for Trustees in part:

1. Manifest an interest in theological education in general and MTS in particular;
2. Attend the Board meetings (three times per year) and participate in Board Committee responsibilities;
3. Advocate on behalf of the Seminary in the church and community;
4. Review the policies of the Board and the Seminary and initiate new policies in keeping with the Mission of the Seminary;
5. Participate actively in the raising of funds by direct giving and by soliciting gifts;
6. Consider the recommendation(s) for elevation of the rank of instructional staff, on the recommendation of the President and Dean following the approved faculty procedure;
7. Participate in the annual performance review/evaluation of the President and ensure that administrators conduct reviews of all faculty and administrative staff.
8. Abide by the *Board of Trustee's Conflict of Interest Policy, Individual Covenant Agreement* and the *Personal Pledge Agreement*.

Time Requirement: The MTS Board holds regular two-day sessions (Thursday p.m. & Friday) three times per year (in February, May, and September) on dates determined by the Board. The Board of Trustees may also meet on the call or at the discretion of the Moderator, or the Secretary of the Board, or at the request of a majority of the Trustees.

Skills and expertise: Knowledge of and/or expertise in management, business operations, and property/legal affairs is most helpful to the Board. MTS trustees with skills/knowledge/expertise in ministry, education, administration/governance, and institutional advancement contribute greatly to the operation of the Board and the seminary through their work on Board Committees (Instruction, Administration, Finance, and Advancement).

Nominated: The MTS Board of Trustees consists of twenty-four (24) Trustees elected by the General Assembly of the CP Church. The term of office is (3) years. The General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church elects every Trustee. Thirteen (13) members of the Board are Cumberland Presbyterians who meet the qualifications prescribed by the General Assembly. Eleven (11) members of the Board are non-Cumberland Presbyterians nominated by the Board of Trustees of Memphis Theological Seminary to the General Assembly.