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Within our denomination there are four ordained offices: Elder, Deacon, Commissioned Pastor and Minister of the Word. Typically, elders and deacons are lay volunteers while pastors and ministers are on staff (there are exceptions). All these offices are equal in authority. No one may lord it over another based on their office, their employment or their experience. That

being said, they are distinct in their tasks. For instance, elders do different work than the deacons. As such, we have separate meetings to deal with the things that are particular to our office. Elders deal with the spiritual care (doctrine and life) of the church membership including worship, pastoral care, and discipleship. Over the years this has often been a place of great burden as we have prayed together, discerned together and decided together how best to care for people who are hurting or in situations where they are straying from Christ and his church. Some of us go home and have a sleepless night. Some are relieved as a burden is shared. And all have a sense that our work is not possible in our own strength but only in the power of the God and in the wisdom of his Holy Spirit. Pray for these men and women as they take up this task to serve to the best of their ability for the blessing and spiritual growth of every member of the Covenant family.

That's my nickel. Pastor Bob