Questionnaire Key

1. True or False Being a Ruling Elder or Deacon is not an ordained position.
2. True or False Ruling Elders (and Deacons) answer the same questions at ordination as teaching elders (ministers) answer, except those questions specifically relate to the duties of the ministry.
3. True or False Terms of service for Ruling Elders and Deacons are not limited.
4. True or False When a ruling elder or deacon is not serving on the board, he or she is still eligible to perform many of the functions of the ministry, such as being the clerk, assisting in the administration of the sacraments or being a commissioner to one of the more inclusive councils, Presbytery Gatherings, Synod and General Assembly.
5. True or False Presbyterians are congregational type of church where the decisions are made in congregational meetings.
6. True or False Presbyterians are episcopal type churches where our bishops are authorized to make decisions for the life of the church.
7. True or False Presbyterians come together in groups elected by the people they serve to make decisions.
8. True or False These elected people to make decisions are called presbyters, ruling elders, and teaching elders (also called ministers of the Word and Sacrament).
9. Who are the people elected to make decisions in Grace church?
10. True or False In the Presbyterian Church, very few decisions are made by single individuals and very few decisions are made by vote of a congregation.
11. True or False Most decision for the life of a congregation are made by the board of Trustees.
12. True or False There are two councils or governing levels in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) or PCUSA.
13. What is the first level of Government in the Presbyterian Church?
14. True or False The Presbytery connected to Grace Church is called The Presbytery of Annapolis.
15. True or False The Synod is a specific geographic area with at least three Presbyteries (G-3.0401).
16. True or False According to the Book of Order(F-3.0204) Session members and or commissioners to the higher governing bodies seek to “find and represent the will of (Jesus) Christ,” not those who elected them. While the opinions and positions inform us, they do not bind us. When we gather together we pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, listen to discussion and debate and vote as we are led by the Spirit of God.
17. True or False When Presbyters are gathered as deliberative bodies, decision are made by clapping their hands and saying Amen.
18. True or False According to Book of Order (BOO), After opportunity for discussion and discernment, a majority shall govern” (F-3.0205).
19. True or False The Presbyterian Church uses the Simpson’s code of honor as our parliamentary authority.
20. Which is not one of the three parliamentary principles which are identified in Marianne Wolfe’s booklet, “Parliamentary Procedures in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)”:
    1. The rights and the unity of the body shall be preserved;
    2. The element of surprised is always possible;
    3. The will of the majority shall prevail;
    4. The rights of the minority shall be protected.
21. True or False According to BOO, Jesus Christ is the head of the church (F-1.02) and all of the business we conduct should be done in a way that builds up the body of Christ.
22. True or False “Ruling” in the title of ruling elder is about measuring, not flexing power (G-2.0301).
23. True or False In many Presbyterian churches there are deacons who carry out ministries of compassion, witness and service (G-2.0201).
24. True or False In Presbyterian churches that have chosen not to have deacons, “the function of this ordered ministry shall be the responsibility of the ruling elders and the session” (G-2.0202).
25. True or False Presbyterians never disagree.
26. True or False Disagreement is not a bad thing when it is expressed in ways that do not disturb the “peace, unity, and purity of the church” (W-4.4003g).
27. Do you Agree or Disagree People on the church councils should avoid disagreement in order to be “nice” or more “Christian”.
28. True or False PCUSA is a constitutional church.
29. True or False Presbyterians believe that our life together is best when lived with “a disciplined concern for order…” (F-2.08)
30. What is the Constitution of the PCUSA? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
31. True or False The Book of Confessions (BOC) consist of 12 documents whose origins span 1,800 years of church history.
32. True or False The Book of Order (BOO) has four sections describing the way we order our life together.
33. What are the four sections of BOO Called.
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    2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
34. How often may the above living documents be changed by a specified method.
35. True or False The PCUSA is not a connectional Church.
36. True or False Presbyteries and synods are accountable to the council above it.
37. True or False Persons ordained by one presbytery or synod are ordained in the whole church.
38. True or False Those elected as ruling elders to serve on their sessions may also be called upon to serve as commissioners to presbytery, synod, or General Assembly.
39. True or False BOO calls installed Trustees to a ministry of “compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress” (G-2.0201).
40. True or False A Presbyterian Church has to have a Trustee Board
41. True or False PCUSA church does not have to have a Deacon Board.
42. True or False The sermon is the heart of worship. It has been said that preaching is the means of grace and we have communion with God.
43. True or False The pastor is a member of local church.
44. True or False The Session appoints the Administrative Commission.
45. True or False The pastor can be present and vote for the pastoral salary package during a congregation meeting.
46. True or False The congregation votes for the Proposed Budget for the coming year.
47. True or False The congregation votes for the pastor’s salary package.
48. True or False The Pastor, moderator of the Session has a vote.
49. True or False The Session can meet without the moderator.
50. True or False It is appropriate to celebrate the Lord’s Supper as often as each Lord’s Day.
51. True or False The Session determines the salary of all employees.
52. True or False The Session is responsible for making sure that officers and members are instructed and examined for leadership and or membership.
53. True or False The Session cannot delegate responsibilities to any ministry or person.
54. True or False The Trustees can call a congregational meeting.
55. True or False A Deacon can attend Presbytery meetings.
56. True or False A Deacon has a vote on the floor of Presbytery.
57. True or False The Trustees are responsible for the property of the building and counting the offering.
58. True or False Only the Pastor can invite another minister to preach in his or her pulpit.
59. True or False It is the duty of the pastor only, to minister to those who are in need, sick, or friendless.
60. True or False The church treasurer is elected yearly by the Deacons.
61. True or False The Presbytery examines the minutes of the Session
62. True or False The session has authority to choose Scripture, lessons to be read, to oversee prayers, to review the sermons making adjustments, and to choose the music to be song in worship.
63. True or False Baptism is authorized by the pastor and can be celebrated in private or public worship.
64. True or False Collections shall be counted by no less than two duly appointed Trustees.
65. True or False The Presbytery elects commissioner to the Synod and General Assembly.
66. True or False The Board of Trustees shall not enter into any contractual agreements encumbering church funds not provided for in the established church budget without the recommendation of the Finance Ministry, and the approval of the Session.
67. True or False The national PCUSA headquarters is located in Atlanta.
68. True or False The Clerk can make decision on behalf of the Session.
69. True or False The Clerk can implement decision, create reports, and sign documents on behalf of the Session.
70. True or False The Session member may also serve as Trustees
71. True or False Public notice of the congregation shall be given on two successive Sundays. The meeting maybe convened following the notice on the second Sunday.
72. Which is not a part of being received as member of Grace Church by the Session
    1. upon confession of faith and baptism,
    2. by reaffirmation of faith
    3. as an inactive member
    4. by letter of transfer
    5. as affiliate member
73. True or False Unbaptized believers are invited to receive communion.
74. True or False Any elected church officer who has an unexcused absence for four or more meetings in a six-month period shall be considered to have resigned from the office and the board shall petition the Session to fill the vacancy. Any resignation of church officer must be directed to the Session.
75. True or False Two thirds of the Session plus the Moderator shall constitute a quorum for the meetings of Session.
76. True or False There shall be elected no less than six; but no more than twelve Ruling Elders, Deacons, or Trustees by the congregation, in three (3) classes.
77. True or False Resignation from Church Office from one of the three Boards should submit a letter in writing to the Session; copy to the board the person is resigning from. Only the Session can act on a resignation from a Board member.
78. According to church By Laws, which is not a ministry of the Session.
    1. Christian Education
    2. Evangelism
    3. Personnel
    4. Media Ministry
    5. Personnel
    6. Stewardship
    7. Finance
    8. Worship and Music
79. True or False There shall be a Benevolence Treasurer elected by the Session Annually.
80. True or False The Board of Trustees have the power: to hold, manage, encumber, transfer Real and/or personal property, and to accept and execute deeds of title to such property, to receive and count all funds of the church in accordance with any other accepted business practices. The Board of Trustees will assume responsibilities assigned by the Session.
81. True or False The quorum of a congregational meeting shall be 2/3 of the membership in regular attendance of worship.
82. True or False Any member wishing to place a matter on the docket of the meeting shall submit a written request to the Session three days (72 hours) in advance of the meeting. The request must list the matter to be added and give a brief summary of the concern.
83. True or False Non-members and other participants are welcome in the life and worship of the church but cannot participate in meeting of church, vote on church business, or hold office in the church/organization
84. True or False All church officers are excluded from tithing or giving fair-share support to the ministry.

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