

The Role of a Shatin Church Committee Member

FORMAL ROLES

Shatin Anglican Church is under the authority of the Vicar of St. Andrew's in all ecclesiastical and related matters, subject to the overall direction of the Archbishop of Hong Kong and Macau, and to the statutory requirements of the Church of England Trust Ordinance (CAP 1014 of the laws of Hong Kong) and its regulations.

St. Andrew's Church Council has delegated to Shatin Church Committee the responsibility of setting "the orderly direction of the affairs of the Church." This means assisting the minister-in-charge of staffing decisions, budget challenges or other important policies that affect the church. The committee also is entrusted with the responsibility of looking after the property and related issues like insurance.

The minutes of our meetings are passed onto St. Andrew's Council for their comment and approval.

Select members of the committee represent the church in the Diocesan and Provincial matters.

PASTORAL ROLE

The committee members support the minister-in-charge in leading and building up the congregation in these various ways:

- Love and Care: They are to share in the responsibilities of caring for and loving church members. This involves in watching out for those who haven't been attending the church, visiting those who are sick, reaching out and confronting an unrepentant member.
- Teach: They are also to share in the teaching responsibilities of the church in various ways. This first means paying close attention to their doctrine, so that they will be able to encourage with sound teaching and refute those who contradict it (Tit 1:9). Committee members might teach in various settings like by leading the Sunday service or small groups like Links, youth or children's groups or by meeting people 1-2-1. The goal is "to build the body of Christ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the son of God and become mature attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ" (Eph 4:12-13).
- Model - As visible leaders of the church, they are expected to be examples of the Christian life. They are to be actively involved in ministries of the church and pursue personal spiritual growth and holiness through prayer, bible study, and Christian accountability and fellowship. In order to be examples, they're to open up their homes and lives to church members, so others could see *how* they live. As Paul wrote to the Corinthian Church, they are to say to the church 'Imitate me as I also imitate Christ' (1 Cor 11:1).
- Pray – The committee members are to devote themselves to praying for the church and its people.

MEMBERS'S ROLE

In many ways, the committee members are to be examples of being members of Shatin Anglican Church. As members we have committed ourselves to:

- Growing in Christ through His Word together and in private
- Spending time with and loving others of this church

- Supporting and serving the mission of this church through our financial, practical and spiritual gifts
- Gathering and praying regularly with others in the church
- Sharing in the responsibility of discipling one another
- Sharing the gospel in our different networks