

FORT HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PASTORAL COUNSELING CENTER

Mission Statement

The Presbyterian Pastoral Counseling Center (PPCC) is part of the Christian Action Ministry (CAM) and service of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church (FHPC). The mission of the church universal is to communicate the Good News of God's accepting, healing love for every human being. The mission of the PPCC is to communicate that healing love through professional and clinical counseling by its staff to persons who seek that counseling.

Policy Statement

The ministry of counseling through PPCC is to be available to anyone who seeks its services without regard to whether the client is a member of FHPC or any church.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors (Board), consisting of six (6) members, one of whom shall be an elder serving an active term, shall be appointed by the Session, on a staggered, three (3) year-term-basis (i.e., two members' terms will expire annually). The Board shall link the PPCC to the CAM and the Session and function to provide support and counsel to the counselor(s). The staff pastor who represents CAM shall be ex officio to the PPCC. The Board shall meet annually and upon request from Coordinator [or upon request by three members of the Board, and with a two week written request or call for such meeting]. The Board shall identify and elect its members and appoint its coordinator. Upon referral and request from CAM, Session shall annually approve the membership of the Board and the elected coordinator. The Board shall annually conduct a performance review of each staff counselor and, as necessary, make action recommendations to Session. The Board shall serve as a search and screen committee, making recommendations to Session, when recruiting counseling staff members. Any amendments to this statement of role and function of the Board shall be referred, via the CAM, to Session for approval.

Counselors

PPCC counselors must be professionally trained and skilled, and have at least five years of counseling experience. Additionally, counselors must hold a valid professional license in marriage and family therapy, professional counseling, clinical social work, psychology, or psychiatry.

Fees

Fees for service are to be set on a sliding scale, based on ability to pay.