

BCC & St. John's E.C. Sabbatical church emergency contact list:

There are two main categories of potential need to contact an EC Pastor for guidance, leadership, intervention, or pastoral service.

PERSONAL PASTORAL CARE COVERAGE:

- Critical, life-threatening hospitalization where the individual or that person's family would like a pastor to visit the hospital.
- Death of a church member (or regular attender) or member of their immediate family. An EC Pastor can be contacted to provide comfort by visiting with the family, then planning and implementing a funeral service, if that's what the family desires.

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP COVERAGE:

- A divisive situation between two or more members occurs that threatens the unity of the entire body. If the church leaders have already attempted to bring resolution, but to no avail, an EC Pastor can be contacted to give guidance and advice, and to potentially come personally into the intervention and reconciliation process.
- An emergency situation regarding church property that would require a Ministry Council meeting and/or a congregational meeting because of the finances required to remedy the situation. Since a formal meeting of neither the congregation meeting or the Ministry Council can be conducted without a pastor present, an EC Pastor can be contacted to participate in the meeting, even via Zoom, if desired.

NOTE: *If an EC Pastor provides any of the above services in person, he should be reimbursed for miles traveled according to current IRS mileage standards. If he officiates for a funeral service, his compensation for that service is arranged with and covered by the family through the funeral home director.*

LOCAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP REFERRALS & COORDINATION

- If professional counseling is needed and desired, refer the individual to Foundations Christian Counseling.
- If someone is hospitalized with a non-life-threatening condition and would like a visit, church leaders should be arranged to do so.
- Though formal Ministry Council meetings are not allowed without a pastor present, informal meetings are encouraged just to touch base with one another and address situations that can't wait for the end of the sabbatical, but have not risen to the criteria above for reaching out to another EC Pastor.
- If a divisive situation arises: before contacting another EC Pastor, put to use the process Jesus laid out in Matthew 18:15-17.
- Both John Smith and Robert Santucci are available to call for other matters not already listed above. They want to help, if and when needed.

EMERGENCY REFERRAL LIST

Try the Field Directors first. If they are not available, then try the district pastors

District Field Directors:

Rev. John Smith, Schuylkill District: Phone: 717-272-4837

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Rev. Robert Santucci, Lehigh Valley District: Office: 610-691-0856 Cell: 484-239-5676

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Rev. Mike Coulson, People's E.C. Church, Lehighton: Phone: 610-377-1696

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Foundation Christian Counseling:

Broadheadsville, PA: 570-402-5088