

REPORT OF LIAISON VISIT WITH THE SESSION (2018)

Church _____ Date of Visit _____

Minister(s) _____

Number of Elders Present _____ Number of Elders on Session _____

Be sure you thoroughly understand your role. Try to find out something about the church prior to your visit. Use as many of the following statements or questions as your allotted time allows to encourage discussion among those present. Tell them you will be making notes of the discussion to share with the Committee on Ministry in order to strengthen the connection between the local session/congregation and higher governing bodies. Once you have explained the purpose of your visit and a question has been presented, then LISTEN. Talk only when it is helpful to the discussion or when asked a direct question.

Suggested questions or statements for gathering data:

1. Share with me some of the good things that have happened in your church this year.

2. Share with me some of the disappointments (if any) in the life of your church the last year?

3. What is a strength of your church on which you could focus and expand in the coming year?

4. What is a concern of your church on which you could work to expand your ministry and mission in the coming year?

5. In what ways, if any, can the Presbytery help you strengthen your effectiveness as leaders?

6. Presbytery does its ministry and mission through Committees composed of pastors, elders and members from the various churches. Do you have elders or members you would like to recommend to serve? If so, who? Contact number.

(Use back for additional comments)