

## **The Roles and Responsibilities of the Moderator**

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A Moderator is one who is there to serve you in your time of need. Sometimes things might be going too fast at your Church and you need some help to moderate the speed, to reduce the rush of things that might be moving too fast (be it negative or positive). Sometimes you might need the Moderator to reduce the speed of some messy situations so that the situation can bring about some fission in order for some growth to take place. Other times you might need the Moderator to preside over some meetings with an unbiased wise, spiritual and hole mindset to bring harmony to a rough and unstable predicament.

Nevertheless, the term Moderator is really give to an individual pastor who all the churches of the particular Association agree upon meet the mindset and make-up for such situations that might occur and do occur throughout and within the Church community. Therefore, the Moderator's responsibilities are to:

- Provide proper leadership for churches and their pastors
- Maintain a viable vision for the church community
- Maintain order and harmony with church matters
- Vindicate the faith and Baptist doctrine
- Provide/be a linkage for the church and civic community
- Preside over the meetings of the annual special sessions of the Association
- Serve as the ex-officio of all Association committees, task forces, and instrumentalities with vote
- Serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Association
- Sign along with the General Secretary, all legal documents as instructed by the Association and Executive Committee or Board of Directors
- Serve as the official representative of the Association
- Appoint all committees, task forces, and executive committee members.