

From the Regulations:

DUTIES OF THE MODERATOR

3.6.3.2 The duties of the Moderator shall include:

- (a) giving general and pastoral leadership to the Ministers and people within the bounds
- (b) assisting and encouraging the expression and fulfilment of the mission and witness of the Church
- (c) counselling and advising, as may be necessary and helpful, to ensure that the life of the Church expresses the faith, policies, standards and procedures to which it is committed
- (d) presiding over the meetings of the Synod, its Standing Committee and such other of its boards and committees as may be required by the By-laws of the Synod
- (e) filling, in respect of appointments normally made by the Synod and, in consultation with the Standing Committee and other bodies concerned, such vacancies as may arise between meetings of the Synod and for the filling of which other provision has not been made
- (f) giving an interpretation where necessary of any doubtful or disputed decision of the Synod, such interpretation to be authoritative until confirmed or varied by the next meeting of the Synod or of the Standing Committee
- (g) speaking on public issues on behalf of the Synod
- (h) representing the Church as may be desirable on public occasions and in inter-church councils
- (i) administering the discipline of the Church as may be required by any Regulation, by-law or rule
- (j) enquiring, when the Moderator considers it expedient so to do, into any grievance, complaint or other circumstance which, in the opinion of the Moderator, adversely affects the good name of the Church or the order and peace of its Congregations or the progress of the work of God and seeking a remedy for such situations; in so doing the Moderator shall consult with one or more past Moderators and the chairperson of any Presbytery concerned.