Command

The Command department is made up of the Captain, the First Officer, and other administrative staff (such as Treasurer).

Captain

The captain is the person **that leads all of the officers** and makes sure **Lighthouse is overall running smoothly**. They keep the community driving in the right direction by **empowering the officers** to do what they need to do and assisting wherever is needed. The captain should be the first servant of the ministry.

The captain should be open to the community coming to them with issues and suggestions but should rely heavily on directing the individual to the correct officer for the issue whenever possible. Basically, the captain should never seem standoff-ish, like they are hiding behind their officers and are out of touch, but at the same time one person can’t do everything and must rely on their officers to assist them.

First Officer

The First Officer, or Executive Officer (XO), is the second in charge of the community. Their job is to **assist the captain** in any of their responsibilities, and to be the person that helps keep the other officers moving in a direction in line with our mission.

The officers need to be able to trust the First Officer, and in the event that there is a dispute between the community and the Captain, or the Officers and the Captain, the First Officer is the mediator of that situation and must be impartial.

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