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Rsbbi Abraham J. Karp
 240 Cobbs Hill Drive
 Rochester, New York 14610

Dear Abe:

I hope you and your family are well.

In response to your questionnaire let me submit the following information which I would not want to be attributed to me by name.

1. The cantor in this and my other congregation is the one who recites the prayers on the Sabbath and special occasions.
2. The cantor, in my view, ought to be the musical educator of the congregation who in addition to leading services would train a choir, teach the children how to daven and expose the congregation to the latest trends in Jewish music.
3. Clerical colleague
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. The cantor determines the presentation of the liturgy but not its content. The latter is done by the rabbi in conjunction with the Ritual Committee.
7. No
8. None
9. What he feels moved to do voluntarily
10. I have always had very warm and cordial relationships with my cantors, resulting primarily from the attitudes of mutual respect and affection.

Sincerely,