

Church Council

PURPOSE

The Church Council is responsible for carrying out the business of the charge conference; helping the congregation articulate its vision; oversee planning of the congregation; and developing systems that assure people are received into fellowship, guided and encouraged in their spiritual transformation and growth, and supported as they live out their lives as Christian disciples.

The Church Council is the primary decision making, evaluation and forward-looking body of the church.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is made up of church staff, Chair of the Finance Committee, Chair of the Board of Trustees, Chair of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Lay Leadership, Church Treasurer, Senior Pastor, Associate Pastors, Lay Leader, Recording Secretary, representatives from the Adult Christian Education Team, Children's Worship Team, Youth Ministries Team, Lay Ministries Team, Communications Team, Endowment Committee, Chair of the In His Steps Ministry, BeFriender's, Prayer Team, Good News Team, United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women, Worship Team, Missions Team Scouting Representative and the Church Council Chair. The Lay Leader and Church Council Chair are elected by the Charge Conference for a term of one year and for no more than three consecutive terms.

BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Be accountable to and serve as the executive agency of the charge conference, overseeing the administration and organization for ministry of the congregation.
2. Provide for effective pastoral and staff leadership and their support and for lay leadership for the mission and ministry of the congregation.
3. Provide for financial support, physical facilities, and the legal obligations of the congregation.
4. Provide for the connection responsibilities of the congregation.
5. Constantly monitor the current reality of the congregation.
6. See that the congregation has a shared vision that is clearly understood and supported by its members and goals which are consistent with the mission of the church and that move the church toward its vision.
7. See to the congregation's involvement in ministries of nurture, outreach, witness, and leadership development, and to the evaluation of the discipleship of the congregation in these areas of ministry.
8. Promote organization learning in the congregation.
9. Encourage and support an inclusive and ecumenical spirit within the congregation.

ACCOUNTABILITY

1. The Church Council Administrative Chair oversees the activities of the Church Council.
2. The Church Council is accountable to the Charge Conference.
3. The Charge Conference is accountable to the congregation.

