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RESOURCES TO HELP YOU IN YOUR MINISTRY

Interpreter Magazine

www.interpretermagazine.org

Discipleship Resources

www.discipleshipresources.org

Look for the following titles:

- *Building a Ministry for Homebound and Nursing-Home Residents*
- *Designing an Older Adult Ministry*
- *A Faithful Future: Teaching and Learning for Discipleship*
- *Forty-Six: A Study for Midlife Adults Who Want to Make Difference*
- *The Graying of the Church: A Leader's Guide for Older-Adult Ministry in the United Methodist Church*
- *Rock of Ages: A Worship and Songbook for Retirement Living*
- *Start Here: Teaching and Learning with Adults*
- *What Every Leader Needs to Know*

General Board of Discipleship website:

www.gbod.org

South Carolina Annual Conference Website:

www.umcsc.org

For further guidance or help, please contact
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We are here to serve in ministry with you!

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CANNON'S CAMP GROUND

AGE LEVEL ADULT MINISTRIES

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

1 Corinthians 12:7

The primary task of Adult Ministries is to address the concerns and conditions of adults in our community and Cannon's Camp Ground United Methodist Church so that they may grow in their understanding of themselves and the Christian faith, and that their quality of life may be improved.



DURATION OF SERVICE

MINIMUM OF ONE YEAR AND MAXIMUM OF THREE YEARS (YOU MAY SERVE AGAIN AFTER A ONE-YEAR SABBATICAL)

SKILLS AND INTERESTS TO HELP YOU IN YOUR MINISTRY

- Ability to listen to and communicate with people of all ages.
- Genuine interest in responding to the concerns and hopes of adults in our community and church.
- Ability to work with other volunteers and committees.
- Skills for researching issues and programs relating to adults in your community and church.

If you need to access the Internet for additional help, please contact the church office. We will have a computer set up for your use as members of the Church Council and Cannon's Camp Ground United Methodist Church.

Reflect upon these questions. Your responses will help you think about the adults of your community and Cannon's Camp Ground United Methodist Church, and how our congregation's adult ministries might serve them best.

1. What three concerns and what three hopes do you believe adults have about their community and their faith? How do these relate to living as Christian disciples and good neighbors?
2. What three experiences might help adults understand more about how the Bible and the Christian faith can be resources for daily living?
3. How could the quality of life be improved for at least one specific group of adults in our community?
4. What existing or new program ministries should our congregation sponsor for these adults?

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS A COORDINATOR OF ADULT MINISTRIES

1. Study the hopes and concerns of adults in our community and congregation, to determine how our congregation might serve them and how they might serve one another.
2. Become familiar with the overall goals of the congregation and how these may be achieved through the congregation's ministry with adults.
3. Encourage extending the goals of the congregation through adult ministry.
4. Help plan and carry out a varied and wide-ranging program with adults, including worship, study, fellowship, and service opportunities.
5. Be a liaison with organizations, people, and resources related to adults
6. Be a member of the Family Life Council of Cannon's Camp Ground United Methodist Church by attending meetings, helping plan agendas, helping invite volunteers into ministry with adults in areas other than Christian Education (Young Adult, Middle Adult, Older Adult), and representing adult ministries at the Church Council and Charge Conference.
7. Bring Christian vocation as a calling to ministry in all spheres of life before the congregation.
8. Keep the congregation informed about the hopes and concerns of adults of all ages and life situations in our community, the goals of adult ministries, and the resources available that will help all of us reach these goals.

GETTING STARTED

- Revisit the responses to the questions you answered earlier.
- Attend Family Life Council meetings, bringing with you hopes and concerns.
- Learn what life is like for adults in our community. Ask questions! Listen!
- Talk to people in our congregation and in other congregations who have responsibilities similar to yours..
- Evaluate the present opportunities available to adults in our community and church. What is working well? Where are there weaknesses? What are the gaps?
- Invite others to help you in your planning and work.
- Participate in training experiences.

"For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in His steps."

1 Peter 2:21