

open hearts
open minds
open doors



The people of The United Methodist Church™

DURATION OF SERVICE

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

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.

RESOURCES TO HELP YOU IN YOUR MINISTRY

Interpreter Magazine

www.interpretermagazine.org

Discipleship Resources

www.discipleshipresources.org

Look for the following titles:

- *The Buck Stops Here: Legal and Ethical Responsibilities for United Methodist Organizations*
- *Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way*
- *FaithQuest: A Journey Toward Congregational Transformation*
- *Safe Sanctuaries: Reducing the Risk of Child Abuse in the Church*
- *Safe Sanctuaries for Children and Youth: Reducing the Risk of Abuse in the Church*
- *Safe Sanctuaries for Youth: Reducing the Risk of Abuse in Youth Ministries*
- *What Every Leader Needs to Know*

General Board of Discipleship website:

www.gbod.org

South Carolina Annual Conference Website: W

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

THE CHURCH COUNCIL

***"To each is given the manifestation
of the Spirit for the common good."
1 Corinthians 12:7***

The primary task of the Church Council is to lead the congregation of Cannon's Camp Ground United Methodist Church in long-range planning and in carrying out its program so that people are received into its fellowship, encouraged in strengthening their relationship with God, and supported as they seek to live as Christian disciples.



Reflect upon these questions. Your responses will help you think about the people of your community and Cannon's Camp Ground United Methodist Church, and how our congregation might best minister through nurture, outreach, and witness.

1. What three concerns and what three hopes do you believe people 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 people learn 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 people in our community?
4. What existing or new programs should our congregation sponsor for these people?

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL

1. Serve as the executive agency of the Charge Conference, overseeing the administration and program of the congregation.
2. Study the hopes, concerns, and needs of people in our community (including our congregation) to determine how you might serve them and how they may serve one another as Christian disciples.
3. Initiate planning, establish goals and objectives, develop programs, and evaluate effectiveness of the ministry and mission of the congregation.
4. Plan and carry out programs that fulfill the congregation's ministries of nurture, outreach, and witness.
5. Encourage understanding of and commitment to inclusiveness in the life of the congregation.
6. Provide for effective pastoral and lay leadership for the mission and ministry of the congregation.
7. Recommend to the Charge Conference the compensation, housing needs, and benefits for the pastor(s) and other staff after receiving recommendations from the Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations.
8. Fill vacancies in positions between meetings of the Charge Conference, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Lay Leadership.
9. Provide for financial support, physical facilities, and the legal obligations of our congregation.
10. Maintain our congregation's connection with appropriate district and Annual Conference programs and structures.
11. Be accountable to the Charge Conference.
12. Review the membership of the church and act on goals and plans for membership growth.
13. Encourage and support the congregation's participation in ministries of the ecumenical community.
14. Ensure and support ministry groups/work areas and committee tasks are carried out.
15. **PRAY WITHOUT CEASING!**

COMMIT TO...

- Supporting the entire Church Council.
- Refraining from making negative comments. They tear down the church.
- Offering constructive criticism and positive comments, both of which build up God's Kingdom.
- Attending all Church Council meetings if at all possible.
- Taking your role on the Church Council seriously. You are doing GOD'S WORK!
- Supporting your church staff and church leaders.
- Keeping an open heart and open mind!
- Offering up prayers for our church and its servant ministry.

"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