



The people of The 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*
- *The Church Transition Workbook: Getting Your Church in Gear*
- *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:

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 UNITED METHODIST

CHAIRPERSON OF 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 programs 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.



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.**
- **INTEREST IN LEARNING ABOUT UNITED METHODIST PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATION.**
- **ABILITY TO WORK WITH OTHER VOLUNTEERS, PRESIDE OVER MEETINGS, AND GUIDE THE WORK OF A GROUP.**
- **SKILLS FOR RESEARCHING ISSUES AND PROGRAMS RELATED TO PEOPLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND IN YOUR CONGREGATION.**
- **GENUINE INTEREST IN RESPONDING TO THE HOPES AND CONCERNS OF PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY.**

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?

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL

1. Help all leaders focus on their primary task.
2. Lead the congregation in the process of strategic planning and developing vision.
3. Guide the work of the Church Council throughout the year, planning agendas and presiding at meetings.
4. Organize an annual Church Council planning meeting.
5. Have an open working relationship with the pastors and lay leaders.
6. Invite others to help you in your ministry.
7. Become familiar with United Methodist resources and organizations.
8. Be accountable to the Charge Conference.
9. Keep the congregation informed of Church Council news and updates utilizing the church newsletter.

FROM TIME TO TIME THE CHURCH OFFERS WORKSHOPS THAT CAN HELP YOU IN YOUR TASK. CHECK WITH YOUR PASTOR, THE COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP, AND /OR THE SPARTANBURG DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TO FIND OPPORTUNITIES THAT MATCH YOUR TRAINING NEEDS.

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.

GETTING STARTED

- Revisit the responses to the questions you answered earlier.
- Convene a meeting of the Church Council to get acquainted, share hopes and concerns, and begin to plan your work for the year.
- Talk to people in our church or other churches who hold responsibilities similar to yours.
- Learn what life is like for people in our community. Ask questions! Listen!
- Evaluate the present ministry of the congregation. What is working well? Where are the weaknesses? What are the gaps?
- Study *Guidelines for Leading Your Congregation: 2005-2008* – Church Council

“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