

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)

SKILLS AND INTERESTS TO HELP YOU IN YOUR MINISTRY

- ABILITY TO LISTEN TO AND COMMUNICATE WITH PEOPLE OF ALL AGES.
- INTEREST IN A WIDE RANGE OF VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES.
- ABILITY TO WORK WITH OTHER VOLUNTERS AND COMMUNITIES.
- SKILLS FOR RESEARCHING COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS.

RESOURCES TO HELP YOU IN YOUR MINISTRY

Interpreter Magazine
www.interpretermagazine.org

Discipleship Resources
www.discipleshipresources.org

Look for the following titles:

- *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church – 2004*
- *What Every Leader Needs to Know*
- *A Ministry of Caring (Leader's Guide) and (Participants Workbook)*

General Board of Discipleship website:
www.gbod.org

**South Carolina Annual Conference
Website:**
www.umcsc.org

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.

For further guidance or help, please contact
Rev. Doug Gilliland or Rev. Traci Bennett.
We are here to serve in ministry with you!

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CANNON'S CAMP GROUND UNITED METHODIST

CHAIRPERSON OF COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS MINISTRY GROUP

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

The primary task of the Chairperson of the Community Volunteers Ministry Group is to promote and support a broad understanding of Christian vocation, especially as that vocation is expressed through volunteer service in the congregation of Cannon's Camp Ground United Methodist Church and 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's emphasis on community volunteers might serve them best.

1. What three concerns and what three hopes do you believe people of various ages have about their community and their faith? How do these relate to living as Christian disciples and good neighbors?
2. What three volunteer experiences might help people understand more about how the Bible and the Christian faith can be resources for daily living?
3. Who is not being reached by our congregation's community volunteer program?
4. How could your congregation's community volunteer program reach these people?

GETTING STARTED

- Revisit the responses to the questions you answered earlier.
- Arrange meetings of the Community Volunteer Ministry Group, share hopes and concerns, and begin to plan your work for the year.
- Talk with your pastor(s) and other persons in your congregation who hold (or have held) responsibilities in the area of finance.
- Learn about the lives of the people in our community.
- Evaluate the activity of community volunteers. What is working well? Where are there weaknesses? What are the gaps?.
- Recruit others to help you in your work.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

1. Form a ministry group of church members to serve on the Community Volunteers Ministry Group.
2. Guide the work of the ministry group throughout the year, including planning the agendas and presiding over meetings.
3. Keep the congregation informed about the community volunteer opportunities and service provided by members of the congregation of Cannon's Camp Ground United Methodist Church.
4. Keep the Church Council aware of how community volunteering is part of discipleship.
5. Work with groups within the church (UMYF, Children, Family Life, UMW, UMM, Sunday School Classes, etc.), informing them of community volunteer opportunities and special needs of the community.
6. Participate in training experiences that are related to vocation and volunteering.
7. Take part in and represent the concerns of community volunteers on the Church Council and the Charge Conference.

"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