

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 youth and adults.
- Interest in a wide range of educational experiences.
- Ability to work with other volunteers and committees.
- Skills for researching educational issues and programs related to people in the congregation and our community.

***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

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### Interpreter Magazine

[www.interpretermagazine.org](http://www.interpretermagazine.org)

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### Discipleship Resources

[www.discipleshipresources.org](http://www.discipleshipresources.org)

### Look for the following titles:

- *A Faithful Future: Teaching and Learning for Discipleship*
- *Foundations: Shaping the Ministry of Christian Education in Your Congregation*
- *Keeping in Touch: Christian Formation and Teaching*
- *The Ministry of Christian Education and Formation: A Practical Guide for Your Congregation*
- *What Every Teacher Needs to Know*
- *What Every Leader Needs to Know*

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### General Board of Discipleship website:

[www.gbod.org](http://www.gbod.org)

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### South Carolina Annual Conference Website:

[www.umcsc.org](http://www.umcsc.org)

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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

# CHAIRPERSON ON EDUCATION

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

*The primary task of the Ministry Group on Education is to provide learning experiences for people of all ages at Cannon's Camp Ground United Methodist Church and the community so that they may grow in understanding the Gospel and become better equipped for daily living as faithful 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's education program might serve them best.**

1. What three concerns and what three hopes do you believe youth 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 youth understand more about how the Bible and the Christian faith can be resources for daily living?
3. Who is not being reached by your congregation's educational programs?
4. What existing or new Christian Education programs should our congregation sponsor for these people?

## ***YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION***

1. **Serve with the Minister of Education (if applicable) to guide the work of the Education ministry group throughout the year, including planning the agendas and presiding over meetings.**
2. **Keep our congregation informed about the education needs of people, the goals of Christian Education, and the resources available that will help our congregation reach these goals.**
3. **Keep the Church Council aware of sound educational procedures and resources.**
4. **Participate in training experiences that are related to Christian Education.**
5. **Assist in developing and administering the annual Education budget.**
6. **Take part in and represent the concerns of Christian Education on the Church Council and the Charge Conference.**
7. **Be accountable to the Charge Conference through the Church Council.**
8. **Assist in the extending of personal invitations to persons to serve as volunteers as Church School teachers, Vacation Bible School leaders, Bible Study leaders/teachers, and Bible Study participants.**
9. **Lead at least one Bible Study per year for a duration of four-to-six weeks.**
10. **Create a Christian Education team consisting of persons interested in Christian Education, including at least one representative from each adult and youth Sunday School class.**

## ***GETTING STARTED***

- Revisit the responses to the questions you answered earlier.
- Attend Church Council and Christian Education team meetings.
- Learn what life is like for people 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 program of Christian Education available to people 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.
- Read the *Guidelines for Leading Your Congregation: 2005-2008 – Christian Education*

*“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**