

open hearts
open minds
open doors



The people of The United Methodist Church™

SKILLS AND INTERESTS TO HELP YOU IN YOUR MINISTRY

- ABILITY TO LISTEN TO AND COMMUNICATE WITH PEOPLE OF ALL AGES.
- ABILITY TO WORK WITH OTHER VOLUNTEERS AND COMMITTEES.
- SKILLS FOR RESEARCHING ISSUES AND PROGRAMS RELATED TO MAKING YOUR COMMUNITY MORE LOVING AND JUST.
- INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN CONGREGATIONAL AND COMMUNITY STRUCTURES AND NETWORKS.

RESOURCES TO HELP YOU IN YOUR MINISTRY

Interpreter Magazine

www.interpretermagazine.org

Discipleship Resources

www.discipleshipresources.org

Look for the following titles:

- *A Brief History of The United Methodist Church*
- *A Brief Introduction to The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*
- *Each One a Minister: Using God's Gifts for Ministry*
- *Faithful Leadership: Learning to Lead with Power*
- *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

LAY LEADER

The primary task of the Lay Leader of Cannon's Camp Ground United Methodist Church is to work with the church leadership to address the hopes and concerns of the congregation and community so that our community may become more loving and just.



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 in turn, you will develop an understanding of how you and your congregation – as a whole and as individuals – might serve church and community better.

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 your community?
4. What existing or new programs should the congregation of Cannon's Camp Ground United Methodist Church sponsor for these people?

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS LAY LEADER

1. Cultivate awareness of the role of laity both within the congregation and through their ministries in daily life and to find ways within the community of faith to recognize these ministries.
2. Serve as the primary lay representative of the laity in our church.
3. Advise the Church Council of the opportunities for ministry that will improve the quality of life in our community.
4. Meet regularly with our ministry team to discuss the state of the church and the opportunities for ministry.
5. Serve on the Committee on Lay Leadership, the Committee on Finance, the Church Council, and the Charge Conference
6. Take part in study and training opportunities to understand the church and its mission.
7. Inform laypeople of training opportunities provided by the South Carolina Annual Conference or Spartanburg District.
8. Be accountable to the Charge Conference through the Church Council.

CONSIDER TAKING THE BASIC COURSE AND ADVANCED COURSE FOR LAY SPEAKING MINISTRIES. OUR CHURCH AND OUR DISTRICT ARE IN NEED OF CERTIFIED LAY SPEAKERS.

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.
- Explore, with others, the opportunities for intentional service in your community.
- Make plans with leaders in the church for celebrating the ministry of laypeople on Laity Sunday.
- Examine ways the church can be involved in caring ministries in our community.
- Participate in training experiences.

