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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*
- *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

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Congregational Leader Formation Team

P.O. Box 340003

Nashville, TN 37203-0003

General Board of Higher Education & Ministry

P.O. Box 340003

Nashville, TN 37203-0003

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

CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEE ON PASTOR/STAFF- PARISH RELATIONS

*"To each is given the manifestation
of the Spirit for the common good."*

1 Corinthians 12:7

The primary task of the Committee on Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations of Cannon's Camp Ground United Methodist Church is to support our pastor(s) and other staff so that these people can work effectively in managing the ministry of our congregation for witness and service.



DURATION OF SERVICE
CLASS TERM 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.**
- **ABILITY TO WORK WITH OTHER VOLUNTEERS AND COMMITTEES.**
- **GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PASTOR(S) AND STAFF.**
- **GENUINE INTEREST IN RESPONDING TO THE HOPES AND CONCERNS OF PEOPLE IN YOUR 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 Committee on Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations might serve them best.

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 ministries could our church provide to help these people grow?
3. What leadership is needed for the congregation to create and do these ministries?
4. How could the Committee on Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations encourage and support the leadership for developing these ministries.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON PASTOR/STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS

1. Guide the work of the committee throughout the year, including planning the agendas and presiding at meetings.
2. Be available to the pastor(s) for counsel, understanding, and support.
3. Take part in the Church Council and the Charge Conference.
4. Report regularly to the Church Council concerning the work of the committee.

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 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

GETTING STARTED

- Revisit the responses to the questions you answered earlier.
- Meet as the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee to evaluate the committee's recent work – strengths and weaknesses – and plan for the coming year.
- Learn about the lives of your pastors and staff and of individuals in our community. Ask questions! Listen!
- Talk to people in our congregation and in other congregations who have responsibilities similar to yours.
- Participate in training experiences.
- Read the *Guidelines for Leading Your Congregation: 2005-2008 – Pastor-Parish Relations*