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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*
- *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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

The primary task of the Trustees is to supervise and maintain all property belonging to the congregation of Cannon's Camp Ground United Methodist Church so that the ministries of the congregation can be effective.



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.
- INTEREST IN LEARNING ABOUT PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CONGREGATION.
- ABILITY TO WORK WITH OTHER VOLUNTEERS AND COMMITTEES.
- SKILLS OR INTEREST IN DEVELOPING SKILLS IN INVESTMENTS AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT.

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 Board of Trustees might serve them best.

1. What three concerns and what three hopes do you believe people have about their lives 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 property that our congregation owns be used to improve the quality of life for people in our community?
4. How might the Board of Trustees develop and support such use of the property?

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. **Oversee, maintain, and supervise all local church property, reporting annually to the Charge Conference.**
2. **Receive and administer all gifts that are made to the congregation.**
3. **Make certain that all trust funds of the congregation are invested properly.**
4. **Ensure that the Articles of Incorporation of the congregation are kept up-to-date.**
5. **Oversee, in consultation with the pastor, all use of the church building and grounds.**
6. **Acquire and maintain adequate insurance coverage on all church property.**
7. **Submit annual budget requests to the Committee on Finance for property maintenance and improvement, as well as new property purchases.**
8. **Be accountable to the Charge Conference and the Church Council.**

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.
- Attend meetings of the Board of Trustees.
- Talk with people in our congregation and community about current issues and concerns that relate to the use of church property so communities can become more loving and just.
- Talk with people in our congregation or in other congregations who hold (or have held) responsibilities similar to yours.
- Study *Guidelines for Leading Your Congregation: 2005-2008 - Trustees*
- Participate in training experiences.