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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

CHAIRPERSON 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.



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.

DURATION OF SERVICE
CLASS TERM OF THREE YEARS
(YOU MAY SERVE AGAIN AFTER A
ONE-YEAR SABBATICAL)

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 THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. Guide the work of the ministry group throughout the year, including planning the agendas and presiding at meetings.
2. Participate in the Church Council, the Committee on Finance, and the Charge Conference, keeping these groups aware of the relationship between Christian stewardship and the mission and ministry of the congregation – as a whole and as individuals.
3. Learn about and recommend materials and programs that will help people become involved in Christian stewardship.
4. Work through the Church Council to establish a “wills task force” to handle bequests, trusts, annuities, life insurance, and real estate property.
5. Be accountable to the Charge Conference through 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.
- Convene a meeting of the Board of Trustees within thirty days of the calendar year to get acquainted, assess needs, and make plans for the year.
- 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.