

# Williamsburg UMC CHURCH COUNCIL



## *WHAT IS IT AND WHAT DOES IT DO?*

If you are new to United Methodist Churches, when you hear people talking about particular committees, you may ask, "What in the world is \_\_\_\_\_? What is the purpose of that committee?" Even for long-time Methodists, it can be easy to forget what specific committees do, especially since some have changed names over the years in *The Book of Discipline* of the United Methodist Church (our organizational guidelines).

So, we're going to be "introducing" you to these committees -- what they do AND who

is representing you on these committees here at WUMC. This is just one way of blessing and giving thanks for those serving in these capacities.

In this edition of *The Messenger*, we speak to the roles and responsibilities of Church Council and introduce you to its members.

At the most basic level, the Church Council serves as an administrative committee for the church, working to organize and coordinate ministry (some longtime Methodists may remember this body being called the Administrative Council or Administrative Board). On the surface, that may sound boring, but notice that at the root of "administrative" is "ministry." As United Methodists, our primary ministry and mission is to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." So, the heart of

the Church Council is to administer the work of discipleship.

## *Visioning, Planning, Implementing & Evaluating*

The responsibility granted the Church Council by The Book of Discipline includes "visioning, planning, implementing, and evaluating effective ministry" through "a program of nurture, outreach, witness, and resources in a local church along with leadership training and administration of the church's temporal affairs." And the Council is given these specific tasks:

- Plan and implement programs for nurture, outreach, witness, and resources in the local church;
- Provide for the administration of the church and its daily life;

- Carry out the actions approved by the Charge [or Church] Conference;
- Meet at least quarterly;
- Review the membership of the local church;
- Fill interim vacancies among lay officers between Charge [or Church] Conference meetings;
- Recommend salary for pastor and staff to the Charge [or Church] Conference after receiving recommendation from the Staff / Pastor Parish-Relations Committee (S/PPRC); and
- Review the S/PPRC recommendation for the pastor's housing and report to the Charge [or Church] Conference for approval.

Now, let us meet your Church Council leadership for 2024! Please, take some time to pray for these leaders, and the next time you see them, please, thank them for their service.

*The Church Council exists to create and supervise the strategic plan for an effective congregation. The Church Council as a group should reflect the character and population of the congregation. Decisions made by the Council will shape the future and demonstrate for everyone how God's kingdom comes in the immediate community.*







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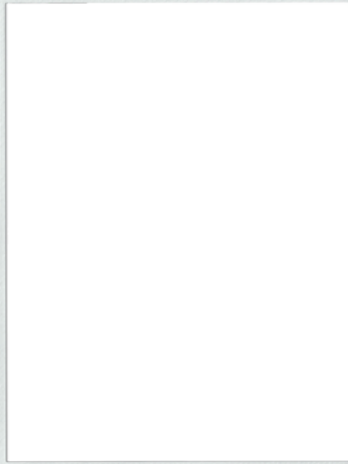


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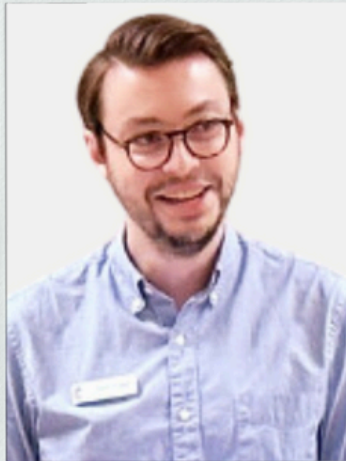
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