

Responsibilities of SUMC Church Council Membership

The Church Council is the place where the widest audience (represented by committee chairs, Lay Leaders, Lay Delegates, Lay Speakers, Members-at-Large and Trustees) comes for presentation, discussion and approval of plans and major activities to develop total ownership to facilitate maximum church-wide support and communications. It takes direction the Methodist Discipline and Vision Statement:

- Where the power and liveliness of the Holy Spirit transforms lives
- Where as a Christian family we learn and grow spiritually to more fully become the people of God
- Where together in Christ we answer the call to mission and ministry
- Where we adapt our ministries to a changing world

We are a church of open minds, open hearts and open doors

Responsibilities of Church Council Members

1. Plan and deliver on the responsibilities of their position as set forth in the Discipline and as may be assigned by the Pastor and Church Council.
2. Submit for information and approval of the Church Council their committee plans for the Church year, with dates, at the first meeting in September.
3. Seek assistance from others on the Church Council when needed to deliver on their responsibilities.
4. Represent the members of their committee(s)/constituency on the Church Council.
5. Participate in Church Council discussions so the most diverse opinions are advanced.
6. Attend Church Council meetings personally or send a qualified substitute to assure consistency and continuity of membership.
7. Publish minutes of their meetings and progress on their plans within two weeks after meeting to all Church Council members to foster wide awareness among members.
8. Submit budget requests to the Finance Committee and stay within the budget that is approved. Request additional funds, as needed, to the Finance Committee.

Responsibilities of Members-at-Large (Voting members of Church Council who have volunteered and/or been selected by Lay Leadership to serve yearly terms)

1. Attend Church Council meetings personally.
2. Seek opinions about the church's operations and condition from other members so they can bring them to the Church Council for airing and resolution, if possible.
3. Participate in Church Council discussions so the most diverse opinions are advanced.