

How can you serve beyond your local church?

It is that time of year once again. We are looking for those who would like to serve on our district teams.

Would you or someone you know like to serve on the district level?

After prayerful consideration, if you or someone in our congregations would like to serve on the district level, please contact the district office. We need some new faces.....please consider serving in ministry on your district.

Our targeted areas of ministry are:

- District Committee on Church Location and Building
- District Committee on Superintendency
- Lay Ministry School
- Leadership Team (Nominations)
- Missions and Ministry Team
- District Committee on Ordained Ministry
- District Trustees
- Youth
- Hospitality Team (new this year)

Responsibilities of District Ministry Teams

Descriptions listed with Book of Discipline paragraph number.

Lay Speaking Team -Para 667 -Plan and supervise the lay ministry school and to decide who is eligible for certification as a lay speaker.

Mission Event Team -Plan, recruit speakers, and evaluate the mission event held each year.

Youth Team -Para 671 -Support the youth ministries of the local church and to plan district events to influence the total programming of the district churches, and to connect them to the conference ministries. Both youth and adults are needed for this team.

Lay leadership Team (Nominations) -Responsible for prayerfully lifting names of those who might serve on District committees and teams and to offer training as needed for those committees and teams.

Board of Trustees: Operate much like trustees in the church as they oversee the district buildings (parsonage and office) although they also must have approval from conference trustees for major jobs. Currently the district trustees may spend up to 1000/year without prior approval.

Board of Church and Location: -Hold special meetings as needed across the district to approve major improvements, purchase and sale of properties by local congregations. Their approval is needed by local churches when an improvement is more than 25% of the structure or require mortgage financing. Para 2543

Committee on Ordained Ministry -Para 665 -Oversee candidacy process for clergy candidates and endorsing process of CLM's. This is both a certifying body for candidates and a supporting group for those under appointment.

Superintendency -Para 668 -Meet at least annually to support the DS in the oversight of the spiritual and temporal matters of the church. They advise the DS on the condition of the district and to evaluate and offer feedback, and to consult on matters of continuing education.

Hospitality Team – a team of 6 or 7 people to help plan some of our district events, ex: Christmas Party, Retiree/Widow Luncheon, etc. The will be an informal team to work with Joel/Thelma on details of the event. Only a couple of people will be needed for each event, so you are not committing to the entire calendar year. We have had a few folks say they would be happy to help, so let's put a team together in 2014!

Would you like to attend annual conference? Please submit names to the district office to be considered as a Lay Equalization Member.

Safe Sanctuary Team

Is in the process of developing a Safe Sanctuary Team that would receive training so that they could help to resource their district's churches in the area of Safe Sanctuary concerns and training.

This team would consist of:

- 2 clergy or laypersons from each district that would be interested and available to be a part of the safe sanctuary team.

Thank you in advance and if you have any question, please feel free to contact me at the conference center, my cell (724.630.3965) or at chris.kindle@wpaumc.org.