

Where Might You Serve?

Church Council

The Church Council provides oversight and direction for the mission and ministry of the congregation. It brings together ministry and administrative leadership, establishes the church budget upon recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and helps ensure that the church's resources and decisions support its mission. The Book of Discipline calls for the Church Council to meet at least quarterly; Christ Church typically meet monthly with a summer break.

Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

SPRC helps strengthen the relationship among the congregation, pastors, and staff. Its work includes prayerful reflection on ministry, supporting and evaluating clergy and staff leadership, helping establish priorities, addressing personnel matters, and making recommendations related to staffing and clergy leadership. Because this committee handles sensitive personnel matters, confidentiality, maturity, good judgment, and trust are essential.

Board of Trustees

The Trustees care for the church's property, buildings, equipment, insurance, and other temporal assets so that the facilities and resources of Christ Church support effective ministry. Trustees exercise responsible oversight of property, risk, accessibility, maintenance, and the appropriate use of church facilities.

Committee on Finance

The Finance Committee provides stewardship and oversight of the church's financial resources. Its work includes developing and recommending the annual budget, monitoring income and expenses, establishing sound financial policies and internal controls, arranging for an annual audit, and helping the congregation practice generosity and faithful stewardship.

What We Ask of Elected Leaders

- A growing relationship with Jesus Christ and a desire to serve the mission of the church.
- Faithful participation in the worship and life of Christ Church.
- A commitment to the United Methodist membership vows of prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.
- The ability to listen well, ask thoughtful questions, work collaboratively, and participate in prayerful discernment.

- Respect for differing perspectives and a commitment to the unity and well-being of the congregation.
- Reliability in meeting attendance, preparation, follow-through, and communication.
- Willingness to maintain appropriate confidentiality, especially in personnel, financial, and pastoral matters.
- A commitment to act for the good of the whole church rather than a single ministry, constituency, or personal interest.

Important: Specific eligibility requirements differ by committee under The Book of Discipline. For example, SPRC members must meet the Discipline's membership requirements, while the Board of Trustees may include a limited number of persons who are not members of the local church. The Leadership Development and Nominations Committee will confirm eligibility before nominations are presented for election.

How the Leadership Process Works

- Complete this application and indicate the leadership areas in which you are interested or willing to serve.
- The Leadership Development and Nominations Committee, chaired by the Lead Pastor as provided by The Book of Discipline, prayerfully reviews leadership needs, applications, gifts, experience, and eligibility.
- Applicants may be contacted for a conversation to learn more about their interests, gifts, or a particular leadership role.
- The committee prepares a slate of nominees for the elected leadership positions of the church.
- Elected leaders are presented to and elected by the Charge Conference in accordance with The Book of Discipline.
- Newly elected leaders begin service according to the term for which they are elected and receive orientation for their ministry area.

Terms and Participation

Many elected leadership positions are organized in classes that provide continuity from year to year. SPRC members, for example, are divided into three classes and ordinarily serve three-year terms under The Book of Discipline. Other positions and committee memberships are elected as provided by the Discipline and the action of the Charge Conference.

Meeting schedules vary by team. Some teams meet monthly during active seasons; others meet quarterly or as needed. Applicants should be prepared to attend meetings consistently, review materials in advance, participate constructively, and follow through on agreed responsibilities.

About Discernment

Submitting an application is an expression of willingness to serve, not a guarantee of appointment to a particular committee. The goal of the nominations process is to prayerfully match the gifts of people with the leadership needs of the church while meeting the requirements of The Book of Discipline. In some cases, another ministry or leadership opportunity may be a better fit.

Questions:

If you would like to talk about elected leadership, the responsibilities of a particular committee, or where your gifts might best serve Christ Church, please contact Pastor Jad Denmark at jdenmark@christchurchfl.org.