

Guidelines for Leading Your Congregation 2017-2020

Leaders need support. Your congregation is asking persons to give of their time and talents to serve God through the ministries of the church. The preparation and resources offered to them will enhance their ability to serve and their experience as they do.

One set of resources to assist your leaders is the Guidelines for Leading Your Congregation 2017-2020. These are official United Methodist resources that cover many ministries in the local church. Visit UMOfficialResources.com/Guidelines to download an individual booklet for each of 26 different ministry areas. In addition at this site, there are free supplemental materials and handouts available for your use.

To access the guidelines booklets and free supplemental materials and handouts, go to UMOfficialResources.com/Guidelines. The free supplemental materials and handouts are listed. Click on the resource(s) of your choice. To access the guidelines booklets for individual ministry areas, click on Guidelines Booklets Folder with Password Protection. Select the topic of your choice. When prompted, enter the password: Guidelines20172020.

The booklets may also be ordered individually or as a set through cokesury.com.

Please note:

Every congregation must provide for the administrative committees of Nominations and Leadership Development, Pastor-Parish Relations, Finance, and Trustees. In addition, each congregation must provide for ministry in the areas of Nurture, Outreach, and Witness. The individual ministries included in each of these areas are specified in paragraph 252.2 of *The 2016 Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*. Your congregation may use the combination of ministries as listed in this paragraph of the Discipline or modify the organization to fit your particular needs. As you identify your leadership needs, your committee on Nominations and Leadership Development will nominate the necessary chairpersons and committees. Please provide the names of all chairpersons on form 3 of this packet entitled Officers, Leaders, and Employed Staff. Please provide a complete listing of *all persons* providing leadership in your local church for your Charge Conference.

ALL 26 GUIDELINES IN SEARCHABLE ADOBE PDF FORMAT, WITH HELPFUL LINKS TO UMC BOARDS AND AGENCIES, AND OTHER RESOURCES CAN BE FOUND AT UMOFFICIALRESOURCES.COM/GUIDELINES:

Adult Ministries: Help Adults Love God and Neighbor
Advocates for Inclusiveness: Value and Empower All Persons for Full
Children's Ministries: Help Children Grow in Faith
Christian Education: Plan for Lifelong Faith Formation
Church and Society: Advocate and Witness for Peace and Justice
Church Council: Connect Vision and Ministry in Your Church
Church Historian: Remember the Past and Inspire the Future
Communications: Tell Your Church's Story
Evangelism: Share the Good News
Family Ministries: Support Families for Faith and Service
Finance: Handling God's Money in the Church
Higher Education & Campus Ministry: Connect with Students in Schools, Colleges, and Campus Ministries
Lay Leader/Lay Member: Connect Your Congregation and Your Annual Conference
Men's Ministries: Expand Your Ministries to Men in Your Church and Community
Ministries with Young People: Empower Youth and Young Adults in Ministry
Mission: Share God's Transforming Love with the World
Nominations and Leadership Development: Leaders Are the Key to Church Vitality
Pastor: Spiritual Leadership for the Church in Mission
Pastor-Parish Relations: Connect the Pastor, Staff, and Congregation
Scouting and Civic Youth-Serving Ministry: Build Effective Scouting Ministry in Your Church
Small-Group Ministries: Christian Formation through Mutual Accountability
Small-Membership Church: Serve with Significance in Your Context
Stewardship: Raise Up Generous Disciples
Trustees: Manage the Resources of the Congregation
Women's Ministries: United Methodist Women—Faith, Hope, Love in Action
Worship: The Gifts of God from the People of God

Supplemental Resources and Handouts

Guide to the Guidelines-Orientation01-Mission and Ministry
Guide to the Guidelines-Orientation02-Cycle of Discipleship
Guide to the Guidelines-Orientation03-AC Resource List
(PDF and Word formats)
Adult01-Hope with Adults Chart
Adult02-Settings for Adult Faith Formation and Discipleship
Adult03-Comprehensive Plan for Teacher Development
Adult04-Measuring Effectiveness Chart
Adult05-Next Steps Worksheet
Children01-Collaboration Cycle for Planning
Children02-Curriculum & Resource Select Checklist
Children03-Children as Vital
Children04-Evaluation Cycle
Children05-Evaluation Form
Children06-Parent Evaluation Form
Children07-Safe Sanctuaries Checklist
Evangelism01-Hospitality Assessment
Family01-Ministry Survey Sample
Family02-Ministry Planning Grid
Family03-Ministry Evaluation Form Sample
Nominations01-Bible Study