

Application for Governance Committee

Thank you for your interest in serving as an elected leader at Carmel UMC. The committee positions are just one way to serve at Carmel UMC. The process of considering a role of Christian leadership is one of discernment through prayer. Whether you are nominating yourself or another person, please first spend time in prayer with God and then listen for His guidance.

"I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me." John 5:30

Before completing the application form, please make note of attachments (Governing Council and meeting agenda, Leadership Covenant, Descriptions of GC positions)

Schedule for the Nominating process:

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| June 1 | Open enrollment for application begins. Communication with congregation through announcements, written and electronic means. Process and forms available on line as well as in hard copy at the office. |
| August 1 | Deadline for submission of applications |
| Aug/Sept | The Governing Council at their meeting is presented with the application forms from all candidates. GC will hold discussion and vote regarding the candidates |
| Sept | GC will notify all applicants by phone or in person who have been elected to receive their acceptance. GC is also responsible to inform those candidates who were not voted in for the GC. |
| 2 nd Sun
of Oct | The slate of members of the GC for the upcoming year will be posted on line as well as a bulletin insert and announcement in worship |

Nominations form for Governing Council

Name _____

Home Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email address _____

I am interested in:

Trustee position _____

Staff Parish position _____

Finance position _____

Young Adult position _____

How did you hear about the positions and nomination process?

Bulletin _____

Pulpit announcement _____

Website _____

Referral from another member _____

Other _____

How many years have you been a member of CUMC? _____

If not a member, how long have you been attending? _____

What areas of ministry have you participated in/facilitated or led at CUMC?

I am fulfilling the expectation of membership by (check all that apply):

_____ Worship regularly (at least 2 times a month)

_____ Participate in faith growth experience such as a grow
group or Bible class

_____ Serve in mission

_____ Give financially in proportion to my income with the
goal of tithing

Are you able to commit to the following?

Yes/no regular attendance at meetings (regular meetings are
second Monday of the month at 6:30)

Yes/no arriving prepared at meetings (having read the materials
sent in advance)

Yes/no participating in meetings
Yes/no taking on outside work from the meetings when needed

Do you support the vision of Carmel UMC to be connecting with God and others, growing in faith and love through Biblical learning and serving our community and world as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Why do you desire to serve in this ministry role?

List ministry areas in which you have been involved. Please briefly indicate any particular joys or challenges you have experienced as you served in these roles.

Please list any professional or personal experiences, skills or expertise you bring to this position (note: specific expertise is not always required. Instead the Governing Council seeks an appropriate balance of skills and background for the team)

Have you been involved in other churches or not-for-profits in the past? If so, please list most recent.

Please list some tangible ways you seek to live out your faith in your daily life.

Please list three people who attend Carmel UMC on a regular basis we may contact as personal references. Please include name, phone number, email address and relationship to you.

Leadership Covenant

As spiritual leaders in our congregation, we must demonstrate by example Godly Christian relationships, attitudes, and behavior. As members of the leadership of Carmel United Methodist Church we commit ourselves to:

PRAY daily for the Church, leaders and staff.

PREPARE for each meeting with prayerful and thoughtful diligence. Attend meetings regularly and be on time. Realize that you bring with you opinions and personal preferences but that this position demands that you represent the good of the church and its future above your personal desires.

RESPECT each other and listen to each one's diverse opinion during meetings. We agree to hold one another accountable for keeping this team covenant, and we agree to allow others to call us out if we violate this agreement. We will practice confidentiality as appropriate to the time or topic.

APPLY in your life the teachings of the church regarding practicing personal spiritual disciplines as a role model for others in the congregation:

- regularly read and study the Bible
- belong to a growth group
- serve in mission
- practice tithing or are moving toward tithing in giving

YIELD to the leading of the Holy Spirit to serve as a representative of God's leadership for the church...

- understanding the sharing of hospitality with all but esp. guests/new members to be of primary importance
- being mindful in knowing the congregation and seeking the development of future leadership for the church

Name _____

Position on Council _____

Date _____