

VUMC Congregational Interest Survey

Please prayerfully consider your role in 2014 at Verona United Methodist Church

If you are interested in serving in one or more of the following leadership areas, please check the appropriate box(es) and return this form to the church office. Most terms of service are for three years. Some committees have limited openings, so checking a box does not necessarily mean you will be asked to serve in that area. We will, however, do everything we can to fulfill your call to serve.

- *The Verona UMC Lay Leadership Committee*

I am interested in serving on (you may check more than one):
(your name / phone number)

Church Council The Church Council is the governing and policy making committee for VUMC. They are responsible for local church **strategic planning, policy-making and financial decisions**. All standing and working committees are represented on the council, as well as 3 persons representing the congregation as members at large, our Lay Leaders, and our representative to Annual Conference. All church members are welcome to attend Council meetings.

CORE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

Trustees The Board of Trustees is composed of 9 members who serve the church as legally registered trustees for 3 years. In conjunction with the Pastor, the Trustees are **responsible for the care, upkeep, insuring, and improvement of the church buildings, grounds, and all other property**.

Staff-Parish Relations Committee The SPRC, consisting of 9 members and a Lay Leader, **assists our pastor and staff to better serve the congregation**. The committee counsels with the pastor about the church and its programs and sets priorities on the use of the staff's time in accordance with the mission and goals of the congregation. This committee confers with the district superintendent about pastoral appointments and oversees the hiring process for new staff (aside from the pastor). The SPRC has a vital role in times of staff and pastoral transition.

Finance This committee reviews and **analyses the income and expenses** of our church on a regular basis, and keeps our members informed of our current financial status. The Committee on Finance also **prepares an annual budget** for our church after receiving input from various committees.

Lay Leadership (Nominations) Committee This committee, chaired by the Pastor, consists of 9 persons and a Lay Leader. It is responsible for **identifying, developing, deploying, evaluating and monitoring leadership in the local congregation** (aside from the Pastor and staff employed by the church). The committee nominates to the church's charge conference in its annual session such officers and members of the church council, charge conference, and committees as the Discipline of the Church requires or as the church may determine as necessary to its work.

FOUR MINISTRY WORK AREAS:

Nurture The Nurture Work Area's purpose is to develop a total program for the church designed to nurture them for faithful discipleship. These are to include: 1. Programs that enable members to **grow spiritually** in their faith journey; 2. Christian **education** for nurturing faithful discipleship; 3. Christian **worship** that is passionate and enable a relationship with God; 4. Christian **fellowship** that brings people together in care and support; 5. Christian **stewardship** of time, talents, gifts, and service.

Witness This ministry work area enables the congregation of the church to identify and **reach out to those who haven't embraced the Word**; encourages and provide opportunities for individuals to deepen their relationship with God; identifies and **welcomes visitors** in a way that encourages them to learn more about Jesus Christ and his Church; and **communicates and interprets** the ministries and life of VUMC to the wider community in a way that is welcoming to all people. Some major events sponsored by this work area include an annual revival (HopeFest), drama productions such as "The Living Last Supper" and "Living Last Words," Saturday Night Alive in Meade's Trailer Park, and Walk to Bethlehem.

Outreach The Outreach Work Area works to develop a total program for the congregation designed to enable the church to fulfill its **responsibility for "the least among us."** Areas of ministry include: Transitional Housing, Weekday Religious Education, Disaster Relief, Food Pantry, Stephen Ministry, Local Aid, United Methodist Volunteers in Mission, and Blood Drives. Members of Outreach design and recommend to the Church Council an annual program designed to enable participants **to reach out to the needs of others**, especially the least, lost, lonely, and distressed. This work area also designs and provides one or more **hands on mission projects** each year, to include projects in the immediate community and beyond. This group also **advocates** support for the mission program of the Virginia Annual Conference of the UMC and societal changes to eradicate injustices and inequality in society.

Age-Level **When a ministry focuses on a specific age group** it falls under the Age-Level Work Area. This includes our Youth Ministry, Children's Ministries, Nursery, Adult/Family Ministries, Senior Adult Ministries (includes our Apple Dumpling Gang), and our United Methodist Women's and United Methodist Men's fellowships. Staff members Carolyn and Bill Harlow (Youth Coordinators) and Kim Cash (Children's Ministries Coordinators) are among the members of this work area.