

**Serving on your Congregation Council – what you can expect and what is expected of you!**

Election to a Congregation Council carries with it the respect and trust of the congregation. The value of your willingness to make a contribution to the life of the congregation is significant and appreciated. By saying “yes” you agree to give your time, expertise, enthusiasm, and energy. Saying yes to this responsibility brings some basic duties.

**Congregation Council member**

Be a member in good standing of the congregation, regularly attending worship services and be involved in congregational life.

Attend all meetings of the council.

Come to council meetings well prepared. Review notes from previous meeting, read reports and prepare questions.

Attempt to discover, through prayer and discernment, what is best for the congregation.

Consider the well-being of the council when dealing with specific issues and ministries.

Treat all matters relating to council deliberations as confidential, until such time as the information is determined a matter of public record.

Ministry is mutual. Pastor and council work together, shaping the ministry of the congregation in partnership.

Assist the pastor in nurturing the spiritual life of the congregation.

Care for the congregation’s membership.

Ensure that the decisions of the congregation are carried out.

Be a part of a united body by supporting all decisions of the council, even if you do not agree with the decision.

Treat members of the council, pastor, staff and congregation as sisters and brothers in Christ.

Be familiar with the governing documents of the congregation.

Be a leadership presence in the congregation.

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Election to a Congregation Council is a privilege and a trust not to be taken lightly. It is a call to leadership, to walk with the pastor, guided by the Holy Spirit, to tell the story of Jesus Christ to the congregation and the world. It is a call to let go of personal desires for the sake of building up the Body of Christ. It is an opportunity to develop leadership skills, deepen relationships, and grow in faith.