

Leadership Board Guiding Principles

Parker United Methodist Church

Overview

Your Wesley Council has unanimously recommended adoption of Leadership Board Guiding Principles to better position Parker United Methodist Church

- for effective ministry in our community now and into the future
- to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world
- to provide an organizational structure that clarifies accountability

What's behind the recommendation?

- Positioning our call to ministry in a community (and world) with an updated model to effectively respond to accelerating societal changes and rapidly changing technology capabilities and expectations
- Our passionate desire to share Christ's love with others
 - Preserving our message
 - Leveraging our best and developing new and effective mechanisms to share the Good News
- Wanting to free up our laity to be in ministry instead of being in meetings
- Conversations started in 2016-17 led by Rev. Randy Jessen focusing on improving our church governance structure

Key Points:

- The Leadership Board Guiding Principles were developed by a team of laity from our congregation
- Is consistent with and complements The Book of Discipline
- Is consistent with the approach of our District leadership
- Will develop comprehensive vision, values and mission statements specifically for PUMC
- Clarifies the roles of clergy and laity in our congregation
- Defines accountabilities for both clergy and laity
- Redefines the operating structure from the current Wesley Council and committees to a diverse Leadership Board
 - ten voting lay members
 - a senior pastor and
 - four non-voting lay members with specific ministry expertise complimented by other working groups
- Defines a covenant relationship for members of the Leadership Board
- Implementation of the Leadership Board Guiding Principles is proposed to take place over time, adoption this December and the new Leadership Board taking office on July 1, 2022
- The duties of the Finance, Trustees and SPR (Staff-Parish Relations) Committees will be absorbed by this new Leadership Board

A complete copy of the Leadership Board Guiding Principles is available for your review. This document will be presented at our December 18 Church Conference for adoption.

Your Wesley Council members will be glad to answer questions and discuss the proposed changes with you.