

GLOSSARY OF TERMS FOR POTENTIAL LEADERS

Chair: Committee Chairs lead. In conversation with the minister and cabinet chair, the committee chair asks people to serve on their committee, sets meeting times, communicates and shares meeting notes with the church administrator, and delegates tasks.

Committee Member: Committee members support. In conversation with the committee chair and other members, members show their support by offering ideas, accepting tasks, and following up. Members make the work of the committee possible in partnership with the chair.

By-Laws: The ministry of FCC is supported by governing by-laws. These statements were created by the church for the ministries of the church. The church is managed by the members all working together under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Copies of the by-laws will be made available to new leaders at the annual Spring Leadership Retreat and copies are also available through the church office.

The Board: The board is composed of four elected officers, three trustees, two elders, two deacons, three at-large members, and the minister. Board meetings are open to all church members.

The Cabinet: The cabinet consists of the officers, minister, committee chairs, and may include others appointed by the board chair or elected through church constituency groups. Cabinet meetings are also open to all church members.

Leadership Retreat: A retreat held in the Spring to provide new leaders with training, information, resources, and support.

Keynoter: A monthly publication of FCC. Anyone can submit an article to the Keynoter for publication. The deadline for submissions is the 3rd Wednesday of the month by noon. The Keynoter is sent via mail and email on the 1st of the month. The Keynoter is a great resource for advertising an event, need, or information. Committee Chairs are encouraged to take advantage of the Keynoter to publicize information to the congregation.

Weekly News Blast: A weekly e-mail communication sent by the church on Wednesdays. Deadline for submission to the News Blast is every Wednesday by noon.

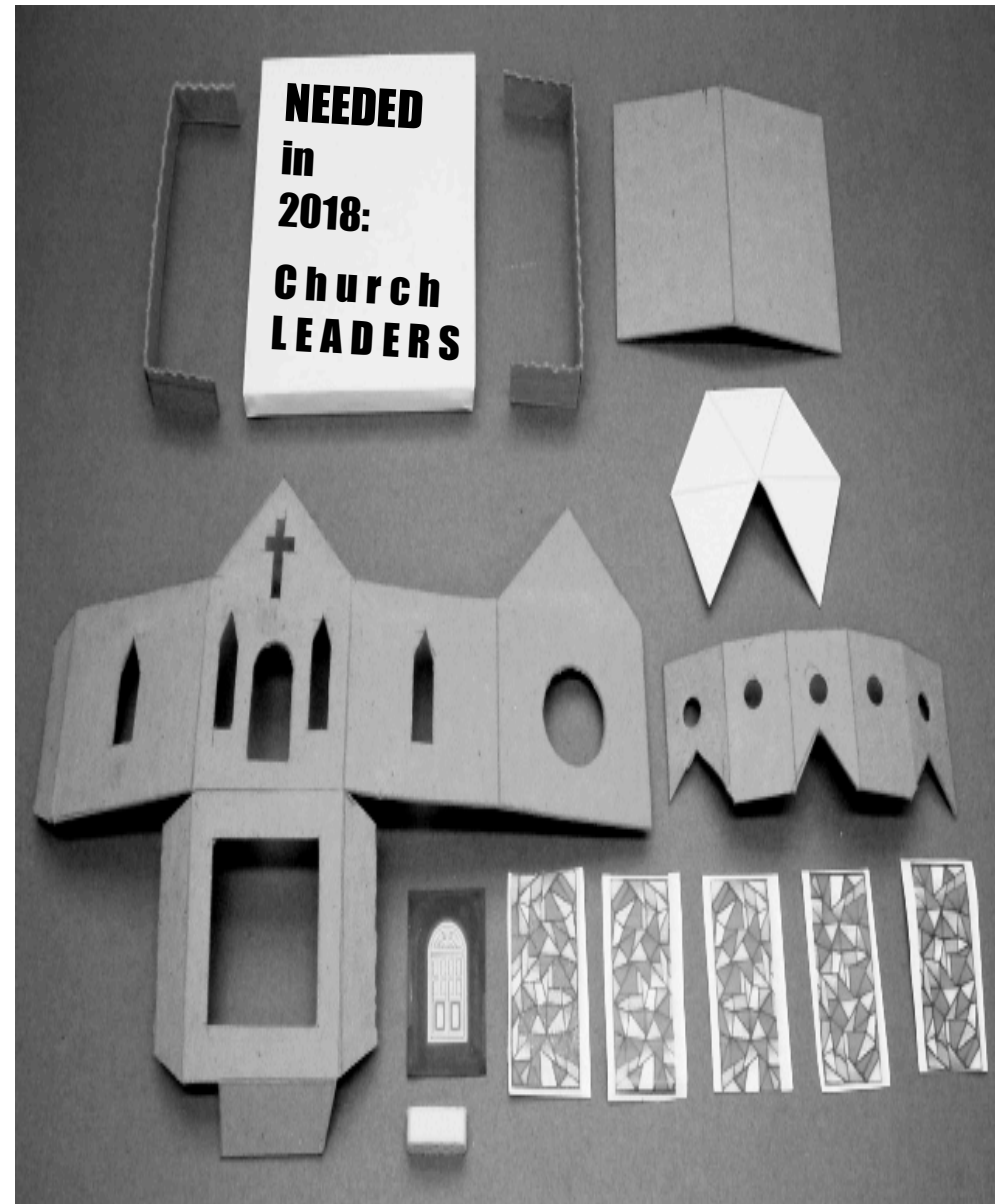
Church Leadership: Humble listening, thoughtful speech, considerate action, patient collaboration, and the willingness to follow the direction of the Holy Spirit.

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**2018
COMMITMENT
BOOKLET
&
SURVEY**

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Church leadership is a commitment that deepens our personal faith lives and strengthens our spiritual community. First Christian Church is unique in that we structure our church around cooperation, unity, and shared ministry rather than top down leadership. Here all members are encouraged to bring their voices and gifts to God's table. We are a priesthood of all believers. All members are critical to the flourishing of the church and our growth as disciples.

For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

- Ephesians 2:10

Disciples of Christ are Bible people. From the Bible, we learn that God created us for good works. We are prepared for this way of life by the example of Christ Jesus and we made to be servants of God.

We ask that you prayerfully and thoughtfully consider what good work God is calling you for in 2018. Please browse the job descriptions printed in this booklet, bearing in mind your spiritual gifts and passions, and complete the survey.

No one can do everything, but each of us has something to offer. After completing and signing your booklet, please bring it to worship on Sunday February 11th, or drop it by the church office as soon as possible.

It is an exciting time to be a part of First Christian and an exciting time to lead, participate, and be engaged!

THANK YOU FOR SERVING GOD'S CHURCH

Other Opportunities

- _____ I would like to participate in the "stork" ministry (provide a meal or part of a meal for families with newborn babies).
- _____ I would like to provide a meal or part of a meal for someone in our church family recovering from surgery, facing illness, etc.
- _____ I would like to help stuff the book bags taken to Scott County's elementary schools.
- _____ I would like to help box cookies to be sent to our college students during final exams.
- _____ I would like to help decorate bulletin boards to advertise special events.
- _____ I would like to visit our homebound members.
- _____ I would like to do "odd jobs" for any homebound or senior adult who require assistance.
- _____ I would like to pray regularly for the pastors, lay leaders, and membership of the congregation.
- _____ I would like to participate in a shut-in visitation program.
- _____ I would like to help plan the church wide spring retreat.
- _____ I would like to serve on Nominating Committee.
- _____ I would like to participate in a Women's Disciples group.
- _____ It is not listed here, but I would like to

How can the church better serve you?

Please make suggestions of what you would like to see more or less of.

Administrative Committee

- _____ I would like to serve on this committee.
- _____ I would like to chair this committee.

Children Worship & Wonder Support

- _____ I would like to serve on the committee.
- _____ I would like to be a storyteller.
- _____ I would like to be a greeter.

Disciples Women (DWF)

- _____ I would like to be part of a DWF group.

Education Support

- _____ I would like to serve on the committee.
- _____ I would like to work in Vacation Bible School (specify job _____).
- _____ I would like to serve as a substitute Sunday School teacher (specify class preference _____).
- _____ I would like to serve as a Sunday School teacher.
- _____ I would like to assist in one of our nurseries during Sunday morning worship services.
- _____ I would like to help with Intergenerational Sunday School.

Evangelism Support

- _____ I would like to serve on the committee.
- _____ I would like to write notes to first time worshipers.
- _____ I would like to assist with the annual newest members/attendees meal.
- _____ I would like to participate in a visitors calling program.
- _____ I would like to bake goods for visitors and/or deliver them.

Worship Support

- _____ I would like to serve on the committee.
- _____ I would like to help decorate the sanctuary during Advent/Christmas and return decorations to storage after Advent/Christmas.
- _____ I would like to serve as a worship leader one Sunday (reading Scripture, offering a prayer, etc.)
- _____ I would like to help set up and/or decorate for special services.
- _____ I would like to sing or play a musical instrument.
- _____ I would like to serve as a greeter (passing out bulletins and greeting people as they arrive).
- _____ I would like to collect the offering (6th-12th grades).

Stewardship

- _____ I would like to be a member of this committee.

Administrative – This committee supports the ministry of FCC by providing a recommended budget for salaries and benefits for the clergy staff as well as for the lay staff; supports the personal development of the clergy staff and clerical functions of the church; helps to provide administrative assistance for other church functions; serves as a sounding board and resource for clergy staff and lay staff; and, provides assistance as needed.

Children Worship & Wonder – This committee is made up of CWW storytellers and greeters. We make sure that this program is providing stories of the faith and worship experiences for children ages 4-2nd grade. We meet several times a year to evaluate the program and how we can better assist our children and youth.

Disciples Women (DWF) – DWF provides opportunities for women to gather for Bible study, fellowship, and service.

Education – This committee oversees a variety of educational programs for our church such as Sunday School, youth programming, the nursery, Vacation Bible School, and Intergenerational Sunday School. We always need people who are creative and interested in how we teach the faith.

Evangelism – This committee contributes to the church by promoting awareness of various activities. This is done through ads placed on television and in the newspaper and by updating our web-site. This committee also works with other committees to promote the new member/attendee picnic. The committee actively promotes the church by delivering baked goodies to individuals in the community after they visit the church.

Fellowship – This committee serves the congregation by planning and carrying out activities, large and small, to provide opportunities for meaningful fellowship and fun. Currently, there are 5 large functions throughout the year for the entire congregation. Additional activities for small groups, such as the Salt & Pepper Dinner Groups, and targeted activities such as the Easter egg hunt for the youth, are also supported. There are plenty of ways for folks to come together and to serve with the Fellowship Committee.

Property – This committee oversees the church building and grounds. We help with overall maintenance and make decisions on how our church building can be improved.

Stewardship – This committee oversees the church's budget and member giving. Although these are year-round concerns, most committee meetings are held September–November. At this time, the stewardship campaign is planned and conducted, Intention of Giving Cards and Stewardship Commitment Booklets are collected, and the church budget for the coming year is drafted for approval by the Executive Board and congregation.

Finance Committee – This committee is made up of the three Trustees, Stewardship Chair, Treasurer, Board Chair and Minister. The committee advises the Board on investments and other financial operations of the church.

Worship – This committee exists to partner with the pastoral staff and the congregation in dialogue about the worship experiences of First Christian Church. All the people of the congregation are encouraged to communicate with the committee about the worship services. The worship traditions of the Disciples of Christ are blended with contemporary experiences of worship.

Outreach & Community Service – The outreach and community service committee builds a team to address the concerns, conditions, and needs of people in our church, community, and world. This team makes congregation aware of Disciples mission and ministry; focuses on education and service, helping with the Amen House offering, gleanings at Evan’s Orchard, Month of Compassion, and many more projects that strengthen our call as disciples.

Board Chair - The board chairperson offers himself/herself in service to the mission, vision, and direction of God in all aspects of the life of the church. This person is an encourager, motivator, and uniting figure. The Board Chair works with the ministry team and the congregation to ensure the church’s priority is following Jesus Christ as Disciples. He/She leads board meetings, manages conflict, holds congregational meetings, and checks in regularly with church leaders and ministers.

Vice Chair – The vice chair works with the Board Chair, Cabinet, and executive committee to support the programs implemented by the committees of the church and assists in developing congregational leaders. The Vice Chair leads cabinet meetings, provides information to new leaders, and assists the ministers and board chair in leading the annual leadership retreat.

Deacons – Deacons are servant leaders. They are committed to growth in personal faith and stewardship. They participate in taking communion to homebound, serving communion during worship, and meetings to discuss the ministries of FCC.

Elders – Elders guide the spiritual life of the congregation. They assist in our development as disciples by visiting the sick, taking communion to the homebound, leading prayers at the Table, and meeting regularly to discuss the life of the church.

Trustees – FCC is represented by three trustees. Trustees serve on the board, help with certain standing committees, and oversee the counting of the offering. Trustees serves as advisors and helpers in many areas of the church.

Fellowship Support

- _____ I would like to serve on the committee.
- _____ I would like to help put up chairs and tables at various fellowship events.
- _____ I would like to assist with setting up for and cleaning up after fellowship events (church dinners, etc.).
- _____ I would like to provide food for an event.

Outreach & Community Service

- _____ I would like to serve on this committee.
- _____ I would like to help plan and prepare for Month of Compassion in February.
- _____ I would like to help plan for the Week of Compassion breakfast in February.
- _____ I would like to help with one-time events.
- _____ I am interested in participating in a local mission event or a mission trip.
- _____ I would like to help plan potential mission trips for members of the church.
- _____ I would like to help distribute White Christmas gifts to our adopted families.
- _____ I would like to help bring dishes or serve meals at the Gathering Place.
- _____ I would be interested in helping prepare for the arrival of a refugee family.
- _____ I would be interested in participating in the gleaning at Evans Orchard in September.
- _____ I would be interested in helping deliver produce from Evans Orchard to the Gathering Place and the AMEN House during the summer.

Property Support

- _____ I would like to serve on the committee.
- _____ I would like to water trees, flowers, bushes, etc.
- _____ I would like to do “odd jobs” around the church (limited basis).
- _____ I would like to mow the lawn.

Youth Support

- _____ I would like to help chaperone a one-time event.
- _____ I would like to work with one of our youth groups.
- _____ I would like, if needed, to host (provide the setting, not the program for) one meeting of:
 - _____ Chi Rho (middle school)
 - _____ CYF (high school)
- _____ I would like to be a sponsor (commit on financial support) on a weeklong mission trip.
- _____ I would like to be a counselor at church camp – Camp Wakon Da Ho
- _____ I would like to provide transportation to and from an event.