THE MISSION of the West Ohio Conference IS TO EQUIP LOCAL CHURCHES TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD… A world of JUSTICE, Love, and Peace filled with people GROWING in the likeness of JESUS CHRIST

July 1, 2019

Pastors . . . Sign-up now!

Northwest Plains District Annual One-on-Ones

Please refer to your email for the invitation to sign-up!

Any questions, please call the District Office. 419-523-9901

Clergy Evaluations

This year the district will be moving to a new tool for clergy evaluations being rolled out by WOC. A SPRC representative from each church will be asked to attend one of the trainings yet to be scheduled so please watch for further communications in regards to date/time/location. Clergy evaluations will be due by the end of the year.
People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last. Luke 13:29–30, NIV

Dear Father in heaven, Almighty God, grant that the nations come under your rule, under your judgment from morning to evening, from east to west, from north to south. For your will must be done, and your name must be honored among all nations. Yours alone is the kingdom; all kingdoms belong to you. Your heavenly kingdom must come so that at last we learn to be at peace and become your children, who submit to you. For your Christ shall carry out your loving, merciful, and perfect will throughout the world. We thank you for all the good you want to provide for us. May your angels watch over us this night. Be with us in all we do or leave undone. Help us with your strong hands, that we may rejoice at heart in all the good you give us. Amen.

The District Office will be closed

Wednesday, July 3 (Lesley Vac)
Thursday, July 4 (Holiday)
Friday, July 5 (Lesley Vac)

In observance of Independence Day

Do you feel God's call on your life but are uncertain how to discern that call or what to do next? If so, then this is the Retreat for you! At the Laity Discernment Retreats, we will talk about call, discernment and what it means to be "called by our baptism". We will learn ways to intentionally enter into a time of prayer about discernment and we will discover Spiritual Rhythms that can help guide our journey. We will also discuss the variety of ways Laity can serve both in our churches and in our communities. Each retreat kicks off with an 8-hour Saturday session followed by a 3-hour session approximately six weeks later. In between the two sessions, there will opportunities to read, reflect, and practice Spiritual Rhythms that will lead you to a better understanding of your own call.

Note: You are welcome to attend any session in any location and you do not need to attend both sessions in the same region. However, you need to attend the all-day Saturday retreat prior to attending the 3-hour follow up session. The events are online and ready for registration. You can find them here: https://www.westohioumc.org/conference/laity-discernment-retreats You can also navigate to Ministries/Discipleship/Laity Discernment Retreats.

Capitol Area South & Foothills
Saturday, November 9, 2019 and Thursday, January 9, 2020 at Crossroads Ministry Center of Lancaster First UMC

Capitol Area North & Miami Valley
Saturday, November 16, 2019 and Thursday January 16, 2020 at Urbana UMC

Ohio River Valley & Shawnee Valley
Saturday January 11, 2020 and Thursday March 5, 2020 at Williamsburg UMC

Northwest Plains & Maumee Watershed
Saturday January 18, 2020 and Thursday March 12, 2020 at Bowling Green First UMC
Spread the word. It is that time of year again to start collecting and assembling kits for the Festival of Sharing. Below you will find the dates & locations of when the kits can be dropped off at your depots. Also, reference the below website. This has all the videos and information for this years FOS. www.fosohio.org

Dates for the kits to be dropped off to the locations below will be: August 26 through September 9, 2019

Drop off sites: Churches/Locations/Addresses/Times:

- **Defiance St. Paul’s UMC**, 400 Wayne Ave., Defiance, 419.782.3751, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am to 4:30 pm (Please call ahead)
- **Findlay St. Andrews UMC**, 120 W. Sandusky, Findlay, 419.422.4845, Mon.-Fri., 9 am-2 pm (Please call ahead)
- **Spencerville Trinity**, 110 N. Main St., Spencerville, 419.647.4451, Mon-Wed., 9:00 am - Noon (Please call ahead)
- **NWP District Office**, 910 E. Third St., Ottawa, 800.589.7828, Mon.-Friday., 8 am-11:45 & 1 pm to 3:30 pm (Please call ahead)
- **Van Wert First UMC**, 118 W. Central Ave., Van Wert, 419.238.0631, Mon-Thurs., 8:30 am - 4:30 pm & Friday 8:30-Noon (Please call ahead)
- **Wapakoneta First UMC**, 504 Glenwood Rd., Wapakoneta, 419.738.8168, Mon-Wed., 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (Please call ahead)

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**Emergency Cleanup Bucket**

Flooding devastates too many communities each year. You’re helping a family recover quickly and safely with a bucket that is full of key supplies like gloves, dust masks and trash bags. These supplies mean families can get to work cleaning up and moving forward.

**Supplies needed:**
- One five-gallon bucket with reusable lid (Bucket has been used, clean well but do not use if it has held the liquids of any kind)
- Four scoping pads
- Seven sponges, including a sponge
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen reusable, lightweight dry cleaning towels (gol: house/other)
- One (24oz. or two 25 oz. bottles) of Rapid/laundry detergent
- One 5-16 oz. bottle of Rapid dishwashing soap
- One 2.5-4 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (or spray bottle)
- One package of 48 30ct bandages
- One pair of cloth gloves, two pairs, or any 10 ft.
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs of heavy duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (latex-free, non-slip)
- One pair of work gloves (cotton with leather palm or similar)
- 4-5 hours’ time or computer time to 30-45 gallon trash bag or roll-in and remove from carton
- One 20-501 bottle of non-aerosol spray

All cleaning items must be new and all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid on tight and seal with packing tape.

Value: $15 Processing fee: $3 per kit

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**Hygiene Kits**

Our most needed kits! These little kits are jam-packed with supplies to help keep people clean and healthy. From toothbrushes to washcloths, you’re making sure that someone’s needs are going to be met in the wake of an emergency when even the most basic supplies can be hard to come by.

**Supplies needed:**
- One hand towel measuring approximately 13” x 26” to 30” x 32” (no fingers, just one, dish towel, or micro fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide tooth comb removed from the package (Brand at discount does not work)
- One toothbrush (bristles are torn)
- One tube of toothpaste in the original package
- Ten standard toothbrushes

Affordable wide-tooth combs can be found at discount suppliers such as sackbrush.com. Search for “wide-tooth pasted comb” to see an example of combs that meet the kit requirements.

All items need to fit inside a one gallon Ziploc type bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing.

Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each hygiene kit just prior to its journey.

Value: $15 Processing cost: $2 per kit

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**School Kits**

We all remember how great it felt to start a new school year with all the right supplies. Now, you’re giving that same feeling to students around the world who otherwise wouldn’t have the supplies they need. You’re making sure children have the best chance to succeed in school, even if they are recovering from a disaster or living in other tough circumstances.

**Supplies needed:**
- One pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip only)
- Three 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter, 12” ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package
- One large eraser (no pencil cap eraser)
- Six pens, unsharpened pencils with erasers. Please remove pencils from the package.
- One box of 24 crayons
- One 12” x 14” to 14” x 17” finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with handles (solid color or kid-friendly fabric, no logos, reusable shopping bags or backpacks)

All items must be packed inside of the bag. The website myrescucatagon.com has affordable bag options for bulk purchase.

Optional: Loose school kit items may be placed in a large Ziploc type bag to keep them together. Remove the air, seal the bag and place inside of the cotton/canvas bag.

Value: $15 Processing fee: $2 per kit
Earlier this spring, we invited the congregations of the Northwest Plains District to be a part of a special effort to help Grace Children’s Hospital in Haiti. This hospital that has served countless numbers of children and their families over the years has been devastated by the earthquakes and hurricanes and is in desperate need of help. Now that we are several months into this, we want to share an update of where we are. To date, we have received just over $30,000 to go to the hospital! We are so thankful for your generosity and faithfulness!

If every one of our congregations would challenge their members to give just $1 per week per member, we could rally to give not only a dramatic amount of financial help, but also hope that they are not alone. The money will be collected at the District Office and sent on to Haiti. In a time where we see so much brokenness and disunity, this is one way we can truly show how we can do more together than we can apart. Watch for more information to come!

Do you have Columbus-area College Students?

Know someone headed to Columbus this fall for college? Whether they’re a first year, transfer, or coming back ready to graduate, we’d love to connect and welcome them. Central City Church is a new United Methodist in Columbus. We meet just south of OSU’s campus, and we’re easy to get to from other schools as well. We’d love to connect with your child or grandchild who’s headed to school. In fact, we have a gift that we’d love to get to them. It’s a coffee tumbler, filled with gift cards and information about UM Campus ministries in Columbus. If you know someone headed to Columbus, we’d love to connect. You can reach Renee at renee@centralcity.co or call/text Renee at (614) 323-8262, or Adam at mailto:adamreed@centralcity.co. They’d love to meet any students around this summer for orientations.
I am Pastor Mark Hollinger who is serving at Cridersville UMC and as the coordinator for Addiction Recovery Ministries in the Northwest Plains District. If your church or community group would like for me to present the current status and background of the opioid epidemic and the ways in which you or your church or group can become engaged in recovery efforts then I invite you to contact me. I have a 20 to 30 minute presentation and have all the presentation equipment needed to travel to any church or group event. Many communities already have multilayered recovery services available and we have wonderful opportunities to reach out as supportive and healing partners. The first element needed in addressing our ability to become Christ’s hands and feet to those who are hurting from the oppression of addiction is education. Ohio is among the top five states with highest rates of opioid-related overdose deaths, killing significantly more people in Ohio than auto accident fatalities. I am a recovering addict and have real-life knowledge of the personal challenges of recovery. You can contact me at 419 231-0428 or via email rev.mark.hollinger@gmail.com.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Mark

Do justice, Love mercy and Walk Humbly with Your God
Micah 6:8
NWP Directors of Pulpit Supply

Pastors, if you are in need of Sunday morning pulpit supply and would like to arrange for a Lay Speaker to fill in for you, please contact our District Directors of Pulpit Supply.

- **Linda Hoover** is responsible for the southern part of NWP District including Allen, Auglaize, Hardin, Mercer, Van Wert and Wyandot counties. She can be reached at 567-204-0329 or by email at bhover1@woh.rr.com.

- **Steve Brooks** is responsible for the northern part of NWP District including Defiance, Hancock, Henry, Paulding, Putnam, and Williams counties. He can be reached at 419.519.3319 or by email at sbrooks1101@roadrunner.com.

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Lay Servant Training Events

Lay Servant Ministries is one of the most significant lay leadership development programs already available within the United Methodist connection. Through this system of equipping and empowering, lay servants have the opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ who then go and make other disciples.

- **“Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry (Basic) Part 1 & 2”** led by Rev. Dave Burkhart/Lay Ministry Teaching Team will be offered on **Saturday, October 19 (Part 1) & October 26 (Part 2)**, 8:30am-4:30pm, at Trinity UMC, 137 N. Pratt St., Ottawa, Ohio. *The FIRM deadline for registration is October 12 & 19.* If we do not receive 10 registrations, the class will not be held *Registration info coming soon.*

- **“Go Preach (CORE) Part 1 & 2”** led by Rev. David Chivington/Lay Ministry Teaching Team will be offered on **Saturday, October 19 (Part 1) & October 26 (Part 2)**, 8:30am-4:30pm, at Trinity UMC, 137 N. Pratt St., Ottawa, Ohio. *The FIRM deadline for registration is October 12 & 19.* If we do not receive 10 registrations, the class will not be held *Registration info coming soon.*

- **“Ministry in Small Churches (Advanced)”** led by Wade Goble/Lay Ministry Teaching Team will be offered on **Saturday, October 19**, at 8:30am-4:30pm, at Trinity UMC, 137 N. Pratt St., Ottawa, Ohio. *The FIRM deadline for registration is October 12.* If we do not receive 10 registrations, the class will not be held *Registration info coming soon.*

- **“Creating Sacred Space (Advanced)”** led by Wendy Lybarger/Lay Ministry Teaching Team will be offered on **Saturday, October 26** at 8:30am-4:30pm, at Trinity UMC, 137 N. Pratt St., Ottawa, Ohio. *The FIRM deadline for registration is October 12.* If we do not receive 10 registrations, the class will not be held *Registration info coming soon.*

Please help get the word out. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in participating, please register when the time is open to do so!
The Walk to Emmaus is a global ministry of the Upper Room dedicated to supporting the spiritual formation of Christians and the development of Christian servant leaders for the local church. If you would like to experience this spiritual retreat or learn more about it contact Brad Martin.

I am also looking for clergy who are interested in serving in the Northwest Ohio Emmaus Community. The clergy listing needs updating. If you took your walk in another community, if you took another three-day retreat, or if your contact information has changed, please send the information to Brad Martin, Emmaus Community Spiritual Director | bmartin4477@gmail.com

Findlay Emmaus Walks @ St. Marks UMC, Findlay, OH
http://www.findlayemmaus.org/

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Sidney Emmaus Walk @ First UMC, Sidney, OH
http://www.sidneyemmaus.org/

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NW Ohio Emmaus Walks @ Widewater, Liberty Center, OH
http://www.nwoemmaus.com/

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Chrysalis is a three day experience of spiritual renewal open to members of any Christian denomination, ages 15 to 24. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way. Chrysalis is meant to inspire, challenge, and equip youth for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities and places of work.

St. Andrew’s UMC, Findlay
Girls
#51--January 25-27, 2019
#52--July 12-14, 2019

Boys
#51--February 22-24, 2019
#52--July 26-28, 2019
http://www.findlaychrysalis.org/

Greene Street UMC, Piqua
http://www.westohiochrysalis.com/

Delta UMC, Delta
Girls -June 22-24, 2018
http://www.nwoemmaus.com/
HAVE SCRAP METAL TO GET RID OF?
SCRAP METAL DRIVE

Do you have an antenna down from a storm? Got sheet metal, or a chain-link fence you’ve wanted to take down? Here’s your chance to do good while cleaning up from a storm or cleaning out the garage, attic, basement, shed, backyard, etc.

Trinity United Methodist Church will be having a Scrap Metal Drive starting May 1 and going until September 30, 2019.

All METAL accepted—anything and everything. A dumpster is located in the parking lot at Tri-R Guns, 241 E. Second Street, Ottawa, waiting for your cast-offs through the summer. ABSOLUTELY NO TV’S, COMPUTER MONITORS, PAINT, TIRES, or AEROSOL CANS ACCEPTED. All proceeds will go to Trustee projects at Trinity United Methodist Church. Call 419-523-6496 for more information.

Farmer’s Market PSA:

The Pandora United Methodist Church (108 E Washington St, Pandora OH 45877) will be hosting a Farmer’s Market during the Riley Creek Festival and Car Show in Pandora, August 9th, 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Spots are limited and assigned as registrations are received. $15 in advance, $20 if paying on the August 9th. Email tagray@fairpoint.net for more information.

Vacation Bible School
July 10-13, 2019
6:00 PM until 8:15 PM
at St. Mark’s UMC
1110 N. Metcalf St.
Lima, OH 45801
419-222-3601

Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Greg Linville is Director of Research Development for the Association of Church Sports & Recreation Ministries (ACSRM) and Dean of the ACON Institute of Sports Ministry. He is a Licensed Christian Pastor in the Evangelical Church. Based on his Quaker background, personal faith, and life experiences, Dr. Linville will share tried and true principles for understanding how groups, ministries, churches, and families can engage in proactive and positive conversations.

L.0 CEU certificate will be available and distributed by the Rev. Dr. Charles Woots, Director of Religious Life, Lakeside Chautauqua.

Registration
Registration fee includes a three-day Chautauqua Pass and Auto Pass per registration for one person, plus participation in all events scheduled during the retreat. Registration fee is required for those accompanying. There is a $25 registration fee.

Participants are encouraged to attend one, two, or all three days.

Meals
Lunch and dinner are included Monday and Tuesday for Associate Members and Local Pastors. Additional meal plans can be purchased for $65 a person. Continental breakfast is included with your hotel stay. Please include any allergies or restrictions with registration.

Accommodations
$79.00 per night, per room
(in addition to your registration fee)
To book your room, email hotels@lakesidechautauqua.com

Fellowship of Associate Members & Local Pastors Retreat

Sunday, August 18 -
Wednesday, August 21, 2019
“Civil Dialogue in an Uncivil World”
Local Church and Community Events

The Ark Encounter & Creation Museum
September 17, 18 & 19, 2019
3 Days and 2 Nights

Package Includes:
* Round trip motor coach transportation
* 2 night’s deluxe accommodations in the Cincinnati, Ohio area
* 2 great breakfasts
* 2 sumptuous dinners at fine local restaurants featuring The Farm Restaurant and Emzara’s
* Full day admission to the Ark Encounter in Kentucky:
  Ark Encounter is three exhibits in one-- the massive ark structure itself, the incredible craftsmanship, and the beautifully-fabricated teaching exhibits. The combination of all three will amaze and inspire you to think differently about the biblical account of Noah’s Ark.
* Full day admission to The Creation Museum in Kentucky:
  The state-of-the-art Creation Museum allows you to venture through biblical history, stunning exhibits, botanical gardens, planetarium, petting zoo, zip line adventure course, and much more. This 75,000 square-foot facility has welcomed over 2.5 million guests since opening in Petersburg, Kentucky.
* All baggage handling, taxes and meal gratuities
* Air Force Museum on the way home

All of this for $339.00 PP/DBL or $425.00 PP/SINGLES
* Trip Cancellation protection is available for $34.00. $50.00 Deposit by June 10th to reserve. Balance due by August 1, 2019. For more information please contact Fred Richard 419-722-7470 or 419-278-2143.

Trip is Wheelchair Accessible
* Minimum of 40 people required
Liberty Chapel Youth Pastor
Liberty Chapel is looking for a full-time Youth Pastor. Primary responsibilities would be ministries with Junior High and Senior High Youth along with coordination of ministries at The Rock youth center. Interested persons should send their resume to the church: 9474 County Road V, Liberty Center, OH 43532, 419-533-2881. Attention: Pastor Brad Martin. or to bmartin4477@gmail.com.

The Youth Pastor’s main goal is to lead students through teaching scripture, developing youth ministries, and public relations with the congregation and community. He or she will provide regular short-term small group studies for youth to attend. The primary responsibility of this person is with the Junior High and Senior High Teams, but she or he will also provide resources for Children and Middle School Teams. The Youth Pastor will provide leadership in summer to the Junior High and Senior High Youth Ministries which generally includes mission trips among other activities. He or she will also coordinate ministries at The Rock youth center.

Liberty Chapel United Methodist Church is a rural congregation near Liberty Center, Ohio. About 200 persons join together for worship and praise each Sunday. There is a good age-spread of children, youth, youth adults, and older adults. The church has a strong evangelical heritage, classic and contemporary worship services, a tradition of youth ministry, a youth outreach center in Liberty Center with after school programming and lots of dreams, and a Wednesday night student ministry with youth and children.

Family Ministries Director
Trinity and North Union United Methodist Churches in Van Wert, OH are entering a new era of mission and ministry by forging a strategic partnership, working together to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. North Union is a rural congregation and Trinity is an in-town, county seat congregation.

Our new partnership is looking to hire a Family Ministries Director who will lead our children, young adult, and adult discipleship ministries. We are looking for a candidate who will bring excitement and innovation to our congregations in order to grow our struggling discipleship ministries. While both congregations have vital discipleship with our youth and older members, both have struggled with children’s ministries and with the 25 – 50 age bracket. With this new partnership, both congregations are willing and able to try new things to attract and disciple children and adults.

Candidate should bring a strong faith, some level of experience and/or education, and have the energy to try new things. A knowledge of United Methodist theology and polity is a plus. We envision this position to be 30 hours per week with salary commensurate with education/experience. This position comes with continuing education funds but no other benefits. Please submit a resume and cover letter to Pastor Kurt Tomlinson @ krtom14@gmail.com.
Free Cantata Books
Middle Point UMC has song books for Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter, and Patriotic seasons. Donating. Really good condition. Please call Sandy Moore at 419-968-2443 if interested.

TV Stand for Sale
We have recently wall-mounted our media and have 1 TV stand available for $25.00 to the first interested purchaser. Please phone 419/238-0631 x302 for more information. Sherri Arn/Van Wert First United Methodist Church

Portable Sound Lectern
Zion Grover Hill UMC is looking for a portable sound lectern. Please contact Mike Waldron 419.238.1493 with any leads.

Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries
Grand Lake United Methodist Church is seeking an experienced leader for our full-time Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries position. Interested applicants may send resume and cover letter to Pastor Mick Whis-tler at 119 E. Fulton Street, Celina, OH 45822 or email to mwhistler@grandlakechurch.org.
RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP—THEN AND NOW
Mission u 2019!

DATES:
Mission School: July 18-21 (with Youth and Young Adult Programs)
Day Sampler: July 20 (with Children’s and Spanish Speaking Programs)

LOCATION:
Otterbein University, Westerville, Ohio

Welcome to West Ohio Mission u 2019! Take a deep dive into the Gospel of Mark and the inspiring story of women organized for mission, with additional study on the topic of money. Come join us for an experience like no other of learning and spiritual renewal. This year our studies are:

Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship by Janet Wolf
Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission by Ellen Blue
What About Our Money? A Faith Response by Susan K. Taylor (enrichment only)
Additional studies on the gospel of Mark for children and youth

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: https://www.westohiumw.org/mission-u
Recent attention has been drawn to the unthinkable action of active shooters in a house of worship.

UMI is offering this resource to you as a way to prepare you, your church leadership, the congregation and visitors in the event this should occur. Being prepared helps everyone cope with these realities and begin to re-focus attention on core ministries.

Conducting the ministries of The United Methodist Church takes on many forms. Our first call to ministry is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This crucial part of our ministry as a denomination begins in the local church. Everything else we do on a daily basis supports this core commission. (Matthew 28:19)

There are many supportive actions taking place every day to support the local church. One of them is to insure the church properties so that a church can continue its core ministries in the community.

DOWNLOAD  http://tiny.cc/hf6sry

**Local Church Officer Job Descriptions**

**Positions Required in All Congregations**

Every congregation must make provision for including these functions according to *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, ¶244, ¶249. Positions may be combined except for the financial functions. "The positions of treasurer and financial secretary should not be combined and held by one person, and the persons holding these positions should not be immediate family members (¶258.4)."

- **Nominations and Leader Development Committee** (¶258.1)
- **Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Committee** (¶258.2)
- **Trustees** (¶258.3 and ¶2524 to 2550)
- **Finance Committee Chairperson** (¶258.4)
- **Lay Leader** (¶251.1)
- **Lay Member of Annual Conference** (¶251.2)
- **Financial Secretary** (¶258.4)
- **Church Treasurer** (¶258.4)
- **Membership Secretary** (¶234 and ¶235 to 242)
- **Leadership Team (also called Church Council, Administrative Board) Chairperson** (¶251.3)

**LEARN MORE**  http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/leadership-resources/local-church-officer-job-descriptions