

Congregational Lay Leader

Required by the 2008 Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church? Yes

Responsibilities

- Serves as the primary advocate for and representative of the laity in the congregation.
- Engages in spiritual practices and serves as a model (example) to the congregation of good habits of personal devotion and discipleship.
- By way of example, builds awareness of the role of laity within the congregation.
- Helps to foster awareness of the ministry of the laity through ministry in the home, workplace, community and the world.
- Establish ways within the congregation to recognize and celebrate all the ministries of the laity. This might include:
 - * Observing Laity Sunday, using the third Sunday in October;
 - * Inviting community groups to worship and recognize their work as ministry;
 - * Recognize laity who have become lay speakers and announce training events for laity;
 - * Regularly promote special opportunities for service and mission projects.
- Meets regularly with the pastor to discuss the state of the congregation and the needs for ministry both within and beyond the congregation.
- Serves automatically as a member of charge conference, church administrative council, finance committee, nominations and leadership development committee and staff/pastor-parish relations committee.
- The congregational lay leader must be a professing member of the congregation.

Time Required of the Congregational Lay Leader:

The congregational lay leader is a busy individual.

He/She is encouraged to regularly participate in various meetings convened by the administrative council (once every month, except July and August), finance committee (three to four times per year), nominations and leadership development committee (at least twice per year) and the staff/pastor parish relations committee (four to six meetings per year).

Time will be required to organize Laity Sunday (3rd Sunday in October) and in promoting other aspects of ministry of the laity.

Those you can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer!

Committee Day Potluck Luncheon on May 16.

Come and see where you can give back to the church.