



*Living God's Word,
Sharing God's Love*

DETAILED MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

Church and Society, Chairperson

Church and Society Vision

To bring the LUMC congregation, its activities, possessions, use of resources, and local community relationships into conformity with the will of God.

Title

Church and Society Chairperson

Purpose

To encourage Christian activities that assist our congregation and local community in promoting peace and justice.

Responsible to

- Witness Team Leader
- Church Council

Description of duties

- Solicit team members to assist with the activities of this work area
- To facilitate the discovery of hopes and concerns of the LUMC congregation and local community for education, service, witness, and action.
- To guide the activities of this work area throughout the year including planning of meeting agendas and presiding at meetings

Budget Requirements

Prepare an annual budget request for this work area.

Annual Charge Conference Attendance

The annual Charge Conference meeting is an important connectional meeting between our church and the conference. You should make every effort to attend this meeting. If your position requires that you report to the Charge Conference, make preparations for this report well ahead of the meeting date.

Time requirements

Discussion and planning of work area goals and activities with appropriate team leaders, pastoral and conference staff. Preside at approximately three work area meetings per year. Estimated monthly time requirement of 4-5 hours.

Term

Commit to serve for at least one year and be open to serving three years to improve the continuity and achievement of work area goals.

Training and resources

- The most current Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church. Order from Cokesbury or access free on-line.
- Cokesbury Guidelines: *Church and Society*, Advocate for Peace and Justice. - Order from Cokesbury or access free on-line on the LUMC Equipping Ministry webpage.
- Social Principles of the United Methodist Church that are included in the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church and available as a stand-alone publication through Cokesbury. Subscribe to the South Carolina United Methodist Advocate to keep current with issues relating to your work area.

Background Check

Not required.

Ministry Description Updates

It is your responsibility to review this ministry description at least once each year for changes and updates. The Leader Orientation Meeting that is held in January is a good time to do this.

Qualifications, skills, and gifts

- Strong communication skills.
- Ability to work diligently with other volunteers and committee members.
- Openness to new views and different people
- Willingness to express personal views and to listen those of others
- Possess one or more of the following spiritual gifts:
 - Encouragement
 - Knowledge
 - Faith

* R - Required; D - Desirable

Benefits to the Servant

The satisfaction of leading your congregation to engage the world in transformative ways.