



MINISTRY COUNCIL <http://cpcmc.org>

The work of the Ministry Council is strengthened by individuals with prior/current experience on Ministry Teams or in the absence of experience on Ministry Team(s), experience at middle and higher judicatory programming levels that directly impacted program ministries. It is very important for Council members to understand and be fully committed to servant-empowered leadership to sustain a unified approach to ministry. Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities in four areas are particularly beneficial:

- Visioning – Ministry Council identifies and implements vision for ministry across four distinct Ministry Teams. Creative thinkers and those with a passion for moving into “new frontiers” are vital to the work of the Council to compliment those with a deep appreciation of CP history and tradition.
- Strategic Planning – The Council provides primary long and short-range program planning, striving to ensure all segments work consistently on a common mission and that redundancies and gaps in the Ministry Council’s ministry are minimized. Particularly helpful are results-oriented professionals with proven success as agents of positive change within their community, church and/or presbytery.
- Leader Development – Programs to benefit the whole Church must and will concentrate on leadership development, nurturing new leaders and expanding ways of involving those who have left the Church, those who have deferred leadership to others, and those who have never been part of a church. Those highly regarded by youth and young adults in the CPC are a strong asset to the Council. Those with broad networks, who possess understanding and a gift for recruiting and encouraging, are especially helpful to the Council, as are those who can work easily with all cultures, all ages, and all types of people with various viewpoints. There exists within the denomination a wide spectrum of theological perspectives; we seek to ensure representation from individuals across this spectrum.
- Communication – Council members are conduits of information, sharing with and gathering from congregations, presbytery, synod and related groups to support the Council and further the work of the Church. Effective Council members are comfortable using innovative communication technology to include but not limited to email, social media and video conferencing. Effective Council members understand the cultural and global diversity of the Church, have experience in communicating and working with people of other cultures and languages, and possess sensitivity to working with persons of varied cultures and socio-economic realities.

Time Requirement: Elected members annually sign a Covenant that outlines their responsibilities <https://cpcmc.org/mc/covenant/>. The average time commitment is eight hours per month including preparation for and attendance at meetings. Additional information related to serving on the Council may be found at <https://cpcmc.org/mc/> and <https://cpcmc.org/mc/soa/>.

Council members are highly visible, proactive advocates for and enthusiastic supporters of Our United Outreach (OUO) within their respective congregation, presbytery and synod. Consensus of the Ministry Council is that persons serving on denominational boards should model consistent, faithful support of OUO. Ministry Council members make personal financial contributions to the Ministry Council.

There are two Ministry Council meetings each year: the third full weekend (SAT AND SUN) in February; and the third full weekend of August (FRI AND SAT). Meetings typically take place at/near the Denominational Center in Cordova/Memphis, Tennessee. Care is taken to minimize conflict with other meeting dates such as meetings of presbytery, synod, etc. Beginning in February 2024, the Council's February meeting will be virtual. The August meeting will continue to be held in-person.

The General Assembly elects members to the Ministry Council.

The Ministry Council elects members to its four Ministry Teams: Communications Ministry Team, Discipleship Ministry Team, Missions Ministry Team, and the Pastoral Development Ministry Team.

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