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Ministry Council Charter

Purpose

The Minister, Music Director, Director of Religious Education (i.e. program staff) and Lay Ministers form a Ministry Council. This Council exists to vision, plan, coordinate, and reflect on the programmatic life of UUFA.

Eligibility

Lay Ministers of UUFA must be trained and installed by the Minister. Programming staff participate by virtue of their position.

Terms

Lay Ministers serve in accord with their terms as Lay Ministers. Programming staff serve as long as they remain on staff or as time allows.

Responsibilities

The Ministry Council shall meet regularly to

- advise and discuss ongoing concerns of UUFA, preserving confidentiality and covenant
- share new initiatives and discuss opportunities for mutual programming synergies
- determine when programs or committees should be established or dissolved
- continue exploring 'big picture' needs of UUFA and ways to meet them
- continue learning about church dynamics
- stay in touch with how ministry to UUFA contributes to their personal sense of calling
- participate in strategic planning retreats with the Board and program staff
- communicate regularly, attend Fellowship activities regularly, be a role model for excellent leadership to the Fellowship
- maintain relationships with program staff and groups within your ministry cluster

Reporting

The Ministry Council has no reporting responsibilities beyond that required by the individual roles of the members.