

Partnerships: Building Community & Strengthening Relationships



What Is on Our Hearts?



Opening Prayer

Phil. 3:12- 14, *The Message*

I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back.

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Let's Pray!

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Workshop Objectives:

- **Defining** partnerships — Where do you need to focus personally and professionally?
- **Sharing** functional/organizational knowledge— How do your skills connect with your area and team?
- **Identifying** your “why” — What do you bring to the partnership and how are you seeing and understanding the critical needs?
- **Experiencing** a Joyful Noise — Whom are you inviting to the table and places of mission?
- **Celebrating** ministry—Ways to celebrate partnerships and leadership development
- **Developing** next steps —What do you need to be successful this year? Identify your follow-up plans and accountable practices in your context.



What are your critical relationships?

Partnerships

How are you reaching new people?

1. Who is here: General church, agencies, annual conferences, jurisdictional, and community groups connected with the UMC
2. Who is missing: New faith communities
3. Why are partnerships are important?



Mission of PAUMCS:

The mission of the Professional Administrators of The United Methodist Connectional Structure (PAUMCS) is:

- to provide church administrators and other administrative professionals
 - > a supportive base
 - > unity and fellowship
- to promote
 - > individual growth
 - > professional development
 - > continuing education
 - > spiritual enrichment



Our Scriptural Values:

Discipleship Ministries bases its life and work on the scriptural mandates contained in the five following biblical texts:

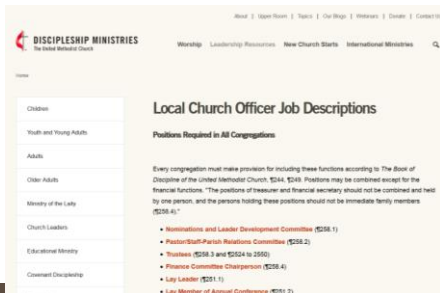
- **The Great Commandment** – Matthew 22:37-39 – Love of God and neighbor underscores all of our activity.
- **The Great Commitment** – Matthew 16:24 – We willingly surrender to God’s call in all of our work.
- **The Great Requirement** – Micah 6:8 – We seek always to do the right thing, even if it is not the easy thing.
- **The Great Commission** – Matthew 28:19-20 – Our task and joy are to bring others into the fellowship of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
- **The Great Redemption** – John 3:16 – We approach our work understanding that each human being, community, and situation has redemptive possibility.

Building Community



Impact: Understanding the Roles and Functions of Your Team

www.umcdiscipleship.org/leadership-resources/local-church-officer-job-descriptions



Leading Strong Together: Lay and Clergy Leadership

"To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." Ephesians 4:12

Ministry of the Laity

¶ 127. *The Ministry of the Laity*-The ministry of the laity flows from a commitment to Christ's outreaching love. Lay members of The United Methodist Church are, by history and calling, active advocates of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Every layperson is called to carry out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20); every layperson is called to be missional. The witness of the laity, their Christ-like examples of everyday living as well as the sharing of their own faith experiences of the gospel, is the primary evangelistic ministry through which all people will come to know Christ and The United Methodist Church will fulfill its mission.

Ministry of the Elder / Local Pastor

¶ 340. *Responsibilities and Duties of Elders and Licensed Pastors* – ... Word, Sacrament, Order, and Service and thus serve in the local church and in extension ministries in witness and service of Christ's love and justice

Ministry of the Deacon

¶ 328. *Responsibilities and Duties of Deacons* - The ministry of the deacon is a faithful response of the mission of the Church meeting the emerging needs of the future. Deacons are accountable to the annual conference and the bishop for the fulfillment of their call to servant leadership. (2016 Book of Discipline paragraph 328, page 254)

What is the why for leaders?

Making new places for new people: Equip core teams to identify creative leaders who have the capacity to launch new ministries, build discipleship practices, pray, and develop leadership processes that help empower new leaders as they are making disciples for Jesus Christ.

Development of principled Christian leaders: Equip core teams and church councils to identify creative leaders who have the capacity to pray, listen, launch/expand existing ministries, prepare communities for external missions, build discipleship practices, promote collaboration through community partnerships, and implement leadership practices that engage congregational leaders who are making disciples for Jesus Christ.



Contextual Leadership Conversations

- (1) What are the critical leadership challenges and community needs that you face in your ministry context?
- (2) What is easy about building community within your team? How do you build community when conflict happens?
- (3) Since moving forward involves leadership, discipleship, and action, how are you managing your time and self-care?

Psalm 98:4 King James Version (KJV)
4 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.



Strengthening Relationships



Recognize Leadership Impact

With whom are we connecting?

What is our why?

Answer the "so what difference" does my work make to our team questions!



What Are Your Joyful Noises?

Great Team

I feel valued!

Support mission/outreach needs in our communities

My skills are important!

What I do in the kingdom of God makes a difference!



Our mission matters!

I am seen and loved by God!

I am going home renewed!

We are Joyful Noises for Jesus Christ!

Next Steps & Goals



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Where Is God Calling PAUMCS in 2020?

- (1) What are the individual and organizational growth opportunities for 2018 through 2020?
- (2) With whom do you need to start and/or expand partnerships? Why are these relationships critical?
- (3) What does success look like? How will you celebrate the journey?

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What education is needed in 2019 for you to achieve your goals in 2020 and beyond?

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Workshop Review:

- Partnerships — Where do you need to focus personally and professionally?
- Functional/organizational knowledge — How do your skills connect with your area and team?
- Defining your “why” — What do you bring to the partnership and how are you seeing/ understanding the critical needs?
- Joyful Noise — Whom are you inviting to the table?
- Ministry Celebrations: Ways to celebrate partnerships and leadership development
- What do you need to be successful this year? Identify your follow-up plans and accountable practices in your context.



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Let's do a new thing together now!

Romans 12: 9-13 (NIV)

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ **Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.**