

## Description and Application to serve on Leadership Council

### Mission Statement

UM Book of Discipline ¶ 120. The Mission-The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Local churches provide the most significant arena through which disciple-making occurs.

### RUMC's current vision

To be a center of hospitality, hope and service, responding to the spiritual and basic needs of our community.

### Current Purpose of ministry statement

We are a responsive, respectful faith community reaching out in service to the needs of those around us with understanding, unlimited compassion and Christ centered support.

### Goals

To be determined

### Role and task

Members of the Leadership Council are key leaders of Ronald UMC committed to working with the congregation, staff and pastor to prayerfully review and evaluate the administrative structure, vision, values, purpose and goals. Based on their work with the congregation, staff and pastor, they will develop a proposal for a streamlined administrative structure; an updated vision based on the congregation's values; and clear goals. The church council and congregation will be engaged in the process and will vote on the final proposal. As stewards of this process, they are to be committed to the health and vitality of Ronald UMC now and for the future.

### Structure

5 – 8 persons including Church Council Chair & Pastor

### Timeline

We will receive applications, from November 1<sup>st</sup> through November 15<sup>th</sup>. All applications will be reviewed by the Nominations team and applicants will be notified no later than November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Because this important work will help to shape the future of the church, please respond in writing to the following (Those who feel more comfortable with a verbal application may arrange one by calling the church at 206.542.2484.)

- Share your testimony, calling, or faith journey in Jesus Christ.
- Why I feel called to serve on the assessment team.
- What gifts, graces, passions and experience you believe will be most helpful to this work.

First meeting to be held no later than December 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Commitment

This board is accountable for the health of the church and must be free to question and challenge the Pastor and other team members on any item discussed to fully understand ideas put forward. Each must also strive to maintain an attitude of Christian humility and love as the team works toward full consensus.

Members of the Assessment Team must be committed to:

- attend all team meetings (6 - 8 including half-day retreats as determined by the team.) Dates and times will be determined once the team is identified;
- facilitate open dialogue about the team's work between the team, the church council and the congregation;
- gather and review information from and about our local community;
- financially support the ministries of Ronald UMC through a pledge and faithful giving;
- model faithful support and participation of RUMC through attendance, attitude and selfless service;
- Be prepared BEFORE meetings by reading & studying all reports, agenda items, etc. provided prior to the meeting;
- Cultivate and sustain a regular discipline of prayer that we will know and seek God's will in all decisions we make.