

Church Council & Nominations Training

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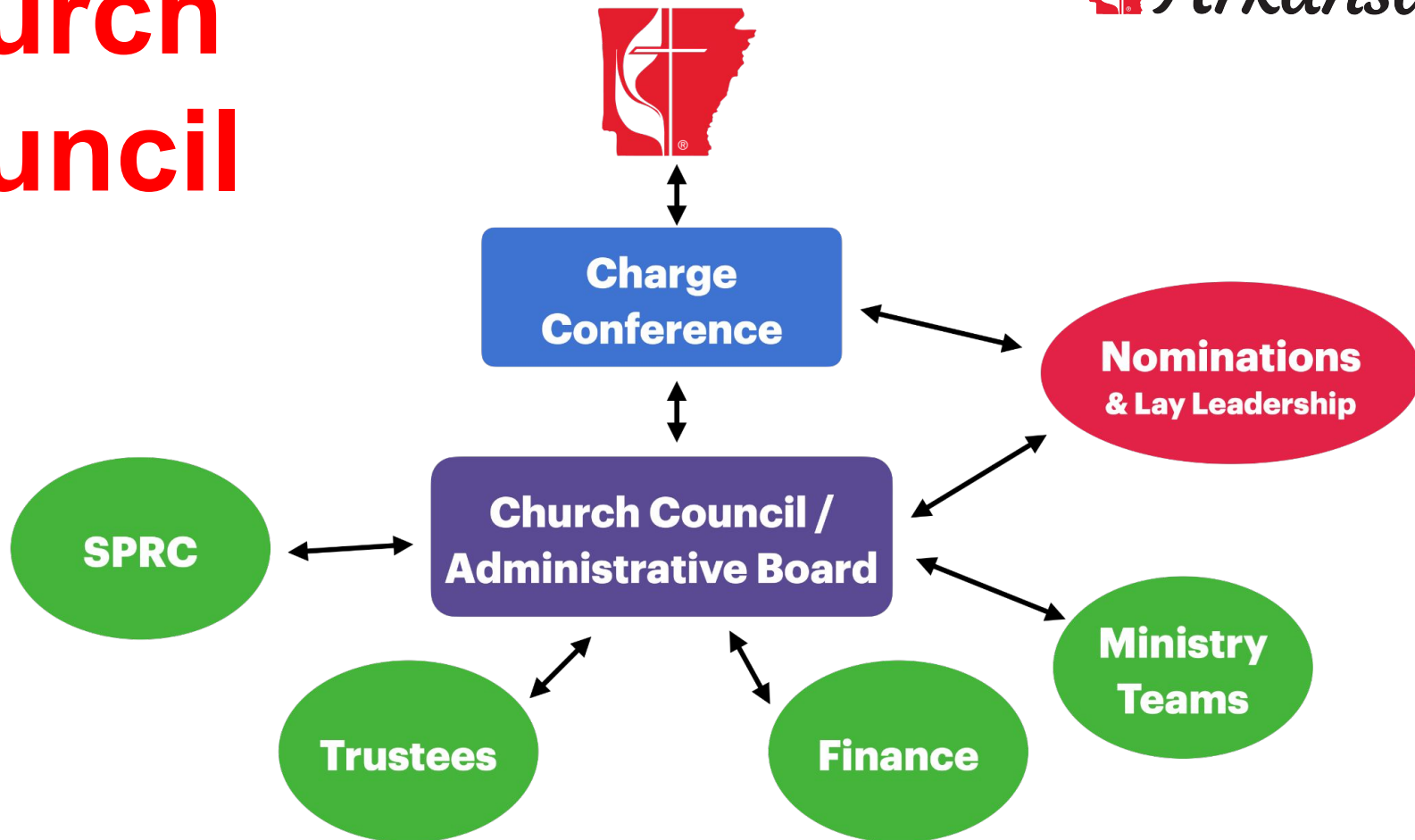
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Church Council





The Local Church

¶ 201. Definition of a Local Church— The local church provides the most significant arena through which disciple-making occurs....

¶ 202. The Function of the Local Church— The church of Jesus Christ exists in and for the world. It is primarily at the level of the charge consisting of one or more local churches that the church encounters the world....

Church Council / Ad Board ¶252



- **In order to provide oversight and leadership throughout the year, the Church Council serves as the Church (Charge) Conference's executive governing body, monitoring ministry progress and voting on strategic matters.**
- **The Council's primary duties include setting strategic direction for the church, overseeing the church's governance and administration, and ensuring that ministries are accomplishing the church's purpose, vision and plans.**

The “Packet”

Send out this information packet a week ahead of the meeting, and make available to members everything in the packet that is not covered by confidentiality.

- ❖ **Agenda**
- ❖ **Vital Signs and Statistics**
- ❖ **Guest Information for Evangelism**
- ❖ **Minutes from previous meeting**
- ❖ **Financials**
- ❖ **Progress of Goals**
- ❖ **Action items such as bids, required forms, drafts of policies, etc.**

Board Communication

- ❖ **Conclude every meeting with a “Communication” action item on the agenda**
- ❖ **Practice transparency to build congregational trust, health, and accountability**
- ❖ **Build in intentional and structured feedback opportunities, such as Town Halls and Listening Sessions**

Examples of Guiding Principles

- ❖ **Purchasing Limits & Authority**
- ❖ **Operating with Departmental Budgets**
- ❖ **Service Contracts**
- ❖ **Employee Hiring, Supervision, Evaluation, Discipline, and Terminations**
- ❖ **Credit Card Policies**
- ❖ **Facility and Equipment Usage**
- ❖ **Policies such as Safe Sanctuary, Technology, Personnel, COVID, and Building Access**





Nominations & Leadership Development ¶249+258.1

- **Pastor is Chair of the Nominations Committee**
- **The Committee oversees the identification, development, and care of servant leaders.**
- **Key initiatives include preparing the annual nomination slate and providing oversight of volunteer service and leadership development at the church.**



Nominations - Complete EITHER the Traditional Structure OR the Simplified Structure Form

You may use this page to list your Nominations or submit your own Nominations list.

Nominations - Traditional Structure

Church				
Administrative (Church) Council		EMAIL	PHONE	ADDRESS
Chair	NAME			
<i>Membership includes the committee chairs listed below and these AT-LARGE committee members - contact information not needed</i>				
Class of 2022		Class of 2023		Class of 2024
Finance	NAME	EMAIL	PHONE	ADDRESS
Chair				
<i>List names of committee members below - contact information not needed</i>				
Class of 2022		Class of 2023		Class of 2024
Trustees	NAME	EMAIL	PHONE	ADDRESS
Chair				
<i>List names of committee members below - contact information not needed</i>				
Class of 2022		Class of 2023		Class of 2024
Staff-Parish Relations	NAME	EMAIL	PHONE	ADDRESS
Chair				
<i>List names of committee members below - contact information not needed</i>				
Class of 2022		Class of 2023		Class of 2024
Nominations Committee (Pastor is Chair)				
<i>List names of committee members below - contact information not needed</i>				
Class of 2022		Class of 2023		Class of 2024
Treasurer	NAME	EMAIL	PHONE	ADDRESS
Lay Leader	NAME	EMAIL	PHONE	ADDRESS

Each Committee/Board has particular requirements for membership listed in the Discipline

- Council
- Finance
- Trustees
- SPRC
- Nominations
- Officers