So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”
WISDOM FROM THE STORY

- God pushes at the boundaries and limits we set
- Leadership for a faith community is to hold the spirit of God central to all that is planned, done, and said.
- Leadership is to be shared
- God's spirit is not limited to clergy nor to church buildings and church meetings.
- God desires that all would speak out of a connection with the Spirit.

LOCAL CHURCH LAY LEADER
A JOB DESCRIPTION

AN EFFECTIVE LAY LEADER FUNCTIONS AS THE PRIMARY REPRESENTATIVE AND ROLE MODEL OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND FAITH LIVED OUT IN THE CHURCH AND IN DAILY LIFE.
THE LAY LEADER WORKS WITH THE PASTOR(S) TO FULFILL THE MISSION AND VISION OF THE CONGREGATION.
QUALIFICATIONS

- Growing Christian disciple
- Living example of 'loves God and loves neighbor'
- Ability to keep a broad view to help align ministry toward mission
- Model the outward focus of the church

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Work with the pastor to ensure the church ministries support the church's mission
- Engage personally in spiritual practices that focus on God's will and direction
- Collaborate with other church leaders
- Represent laity on the church leadership team
- Encourage teamwork between pastor(s) and lay leadership
- Work with pastor(s) to identify and develop lay persons for leadership
- Participate in training events - model continual learning
- Connect with lay leaders from other congregations

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ALL UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES SHARE A COMMON MISSION

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

RESPONSIBILITY 1

WORK WITH THE PASTOR TO ENSURE THE CHURCH MINISTRIES SUPPORT THE CHURCH’S MISSION
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LAY LEADER AND PASTOR(S)

CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD PARTNERSHIP

Roles: What is it that each of you does in fulfilling the ultimate mission?

- Hold the “big picture” perspective of the ministry of the church
- Serve as confidant and sounding board for how ideas, vision, and plans of the clergy might be received by others
- Share things being said in the congregation in one-on-one settings
- Filter multiple messages from the congregation into those things that the pastor should hear to help her or him prioritize where to act
- Reinforce ideas and messages from the pastor in the congregation
CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD PARTNERSHIP

Roles: What is it that each of you does in fulfilling the ultimate mission?

Respect: You must respect each other as people as well as the importance of the roles you play.

Reciprocity: When partnerships flourish, members of the tandem feel as though they receive something valuable from the partnership.

Go into the relationship expecting God to produce the synergy between the two of you.
RESPONSIBILITY 2

ENGAGE PERSONALLY IN SPIRITUAL PRACTICES THAT FOCUS ON GOD’S WILL AND DIRECTION

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

LEADERSHIP IN THE CHURCH
SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

RESPONSIBILITY 3
COLLABORATE WITH OTHER CHURCH LEADERS

GOD CALLS ALL DISCIPLES TO BE ACTIVE IN MINISTRY

"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 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."  
2016 Book of Discipline (¶127)
RESPONSIBILITY 4

REPRESENT LAITY ON THE CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

YOU PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT CONNECTION

RESPONSIBILITY 5

ENCOURAGE TEAMWORK BETWEEN PASTOR(S) AND LAY LEADERSHIP
ENCOURAGE TEAMWORK

Clear, honest, and discreet communication is essential.

RESPONSIBILITY 6

WORK WITH PASTOR(S) TO IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP LAY PERSONS FOR LEADERSHIP

CULTIVATE NEW CHURCH LEADERSHIP
RESPONSIBILITY 8

CONNECT WITH LAY LEADERS FROM OTHER CONGREGATIONS

CONNECT WITH OTHER LAY LEADERS

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- Effective Leaders
- Healthy Congregations
- Congregations for Children
- Anti-Racism
- Unity