

Leadership Training for Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee (S/PPRC)

Our time together will focus on the ministry of a Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee (S/PPRC). Prior to our gathering I suggest reading Paragraph 258.2 of the *2016 United Methodist Book of Discipline*. Highlights include:

Election and Organization of the Committee:

- 3-9 members elected by the Charge Conference for a three-year term
 - Members may serve two consecutive terms if elected by the Charge Conference
 - Immediate family members can not serve at the same time
 - Relatives of the pastor or staff can not serve on the committee
 - At least one member shall be a young adult and may be a youth
- The Lay Leader and Delegate to the Annual Conference serve as ex-officio members (ex-officio = elected by virtue of their office)
 - The lay leader and delegate to the Annual Conference have voice and vote
- The pastor is the administrative officer of the local church and therefore an ex-officio member of most committees, S/PPRC is an exception; the Pastor has voice but no vote on S/PPRC matters
- Voting members of S/PPRC must be professing or associate members of the church
- The Chairperson is nominated and elected at Charge Conference
- The Committee shall meet at least quarterly, always in closed session
- The Pastor shall attend all meetings unless arrangements have been made ahead of time with the District Superintendent

Our time together will cover:

Purpose and Responsibilities
Meeting Schedule / Sample Calendar
Developing a Partnership with your Pastor
Prioritizing Ministry
Navigating Committee Dynamics
Additional Resources

I look forward to being with you on January 9th!

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