

Lay Leader - Job Description

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Membership and Meetings:

Membership: One Lay Leader per Church

Serves as Member of Administrative Council, Finance Committee, Lay Leadership Committee, and Staff-Parish Relations Committee.

Primary Task:

Primary Task: To work with your church's leadership to address the hopes and concerns of your congregation and community.

Responsibilities/Notes:

The lay leader represents the laypeople in the congregation in working with the pastor for the mission and vision of the congregation.

The lay leader engages in spiritual practices that build a relationship of attentiveness to God's will and direction.

The lay leader represents the laypeople in the congregation and serves as a role model of Christian discipleship for the congregation.

The lay leader relates with the pastor(s) to discuss the state of the church and the opportunities for ministry to advance the mission and ministry of the congregation in the community.

The lay leader is a member of the charge conference, the church council, the pastor-parish or staff-parish relations committee, the finance committee, and the nominations and leadership development committee.

Lay leaders are voting members of all the aforementioned committees. Each of these committees has specific responsibilities, but the lay leader represents the laity in each situation, as well as serving as an interpreter of the actions and programs of the annual conference and the general church. To be better equipped to comply with this responsibility, it is recommended that a lay leader also serve as a lay member of annual conference.