## Ministry in the United Methodist Church

“There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.”

1 Cor. 12:4

### Lay People

- **All Church Members**
  - Help lead church ministries and share God's love with neighbors through words and actions.
  - Prayer and worship
  - Visit the hospitalized or homebound
  - Committee participation
  - Lead small groups
  - Teach Sunday school
  - Help with service ministries like food pantries
  - Advocate for the poor or marginalized
  - Attend mission trips
  - And much more

- **Lay Servant**
  - Serves the local church or charge to inspire the laity to deeper commitment to Christ.
  - Teaching
  - Preaching

- **Deaconess & Home Missioner**
  - Consecrated and commissioned to a lifelong full-time vocational ministry of love, justice, and service in a church-related or helping profession.
  - Community ministry
  - Health & wellness
  - Education

- **Certified Lay Minister**
  - Provides congregational leadership as part of a ministry team under the supervision of a clergyperson.
  - Preaching
  - Providing care

### Lay or Clergy

- **Certified in Specialized Ministry**
  - Specially trained and approved for a ministry specialty.
  - Christian education
  - Children's ministry
  - Ministry with people with disabilities

- **Missionary**
  - Serves in Christ's name around the world in a range of activities and professions.
  - Pastors
  - Educators
  - Congregational and leadership developers
  - Regional coordinators for United Methodist Committee on Relief

- **Deacon**
  - Word, Service, Compassion, and Justice. Interrelates worship with service to God in the world.
  - Social services and advocacy
  - Age-level spiritual development
  - Chaplaincy
  - Church-related or ecumenical agencies

- **Elder**
  - Word, Service, Sacrament, and Order. Orders the church for spiritual growth and community outreach.
  - Parish pastor
  - Chaplaincy
  - Church-related or ecumenical agencies
  - Social services and advocacy

- **Local Pastor**
  - Licensed for pastoral ministry or chaplaincy. Performs the usual duties of a pastor only within the appointment.
  - Preaching and teaching
  - Worship leadership
  - Presiding over the sacraments where appointed

### Ordained & Licensed Clergy

- **Ordained & Licensed Clergy**
  - Performs the usual duties of a pastor only within the appointment.

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