

What Does The Church Council Do?

The Church Council's main priority is to build up the Congregation in faith and love, sustaining members in hope, and leading the Congregation to a fuller participation in Christ's mission in the world. This priority is reflected in the agenda of its ordinary meetings. The responsibilities of the Church Council are laid out in UCA Regulations and include:

- ❖ Sharing with the Minister(s) in mission and in the pastoral care and spiritual oversight of the Congregation;
- ❖ Nurturing the members and adherents in their growth in grace;
- ❖ Making decisions in accordance with the Regulations concerning baptism, confirmation and membership, and the keeping and reviewing of the rolls of the Congregation;
- ❖ Assisting the Minister(s) in the conduct of worship and in the administration of the sacraments (many other members of Congregation also assist with this);
- ❖ Determining the time and place of services of public worship;
- ❖ Carrying out its functions in accordance with the Regulations concerning applicants for the specified ministries;
- ❖ Managing the financial affairs and the general administration of the Congregation including the reception, preparation and presentation of all necessary budgets, statements and reports and arranging for audit, presentation and examination of the accounts of all the funds of the Congregation (this responsibility is delegated to the Treasurer, who reports to Church Council);
- ❖ Managing and controlling property in accordance with the Regulations (this responsibility is delegated to the Property Manager, who reports to Church Council);
- ❖ Preparing and presenting to a meeting of the Congregation an annual report concerning the life and work of the Congregation including its worship, mission and service, and making recommendations with regard to the program for the ensuing year;
- ❖ Exercising oversight of the appointment of officers and leaders of Congregational missional groups (Faith, Outreach, The Hub and Inclusive Group) and functional committees (Property, Communication, Finance and People & Culture);
- ❖ Exercising oversight of the appointment and supervision of paid employees (excluding ministers): (this responsibility is delegated to the People and Culture Group, which reports to Church Council);
- ❖ Referral of matters to Presbytery as prescribed;
- ❖ Discipline of members;
- ❖ Carrying out its functions in relation to Ministers in-Association.