

The President of Church Council

The President of the Church Council is elected by a majority vote at a Church meeting for a one year term.

The responsibilities of the President of the Church Council include the following:

- Seeing that the business of the Church is conducted within the guidelines of the constitution and bylaws.
- Establishing monthly meeting dates for Council meetings and presiding at that meeting or arranging for the Vice President or another Council member to preside at such meetings when the President is unable to attend.
- Planning the annual congregational meeting for January and presiding at that meeting or arranging for the Vice President or another Council member to preside at such annual meeting when the President is unable to attend.
- Presiding at any called Townhall or Congregational Meeting of the congregation throughout the year.
- Planning the annual Council Planning Retreat to be scheduled after the annual congregational meeting and prior to the end of February, and presiding at that meeting, to discuss and fill in Church calendar discuss Church goals, discuss Council goals and practice serving communion.
- Keeping the congregation informed, involved and enthused.
- Working with the Pastor to help implement the work of Council's Committees.
- Representing the Church at association and conference meetings and/or otherwise appointing delegates, where appropriate. Keeping UCCEG updated on the happenings of PSEC and Ursinus Association, especially in concern to the Keystone Project (merging of all Pennsylvania Conferences).
- Overseeing activities of the Church officers. Routinely contacting committee chairperson to see how he or she is progressing.
- Keeping the Vice President informed and involved to enable the Vice President to take over the President's duties at any time.
- Seeing that the long range goals and benchmarks of the Church are established and carried out.
- Being a sounding board for the congregation

- Encouraging members to raise concerns to pastoral relations committee and/or Personnel Committee.
- Signing any official papers and contracts on behalf of UCCEG, especially those for Personnel.
- Making sure that the Church is represented at ordinations, installations and other ecclesiastical activities involving the association.

- Making the Church aware of the General Synod's conferences and associations opinions and points of view and expressing differences back to Synod
- Being aware of information sent from the United Church of Christ's national bodies to the Church and sharing with the congregation as appropriate.
- Communicating regularly with the Pastor and serve as the Pastor's sounding board. Support the Pastor in worship as called upon for special services.
- With the Pastor's help, filling positions to carry on the Church's work, as needed.
- Overseeing the achievement of Council members' and committees goals.
- Promoting the delegation and sharing of the workload with the Vice President and other members of Council and the congregation.
- Actively participate in the life and mission of the Church.

The position of Council President is for a one-year term. Any member in full standing may be elected to this position.