

Boards and Committees at Plymouth Congregational Church

Church Council (At Large Members)

The Council is the governing board of the congregation. Each of Plymouth's boards have a representative on council. Council meetings give the boards an opportunity to inform one another of the work they are doing. Council is the deliberative body in which lay leaders share their wisdom, set goals and objectives, review policies and programs for the congregation as a whole. Through the nominating process, six At Large members are elected to serve on Council as a voice for the wider congregation.

Term – 3 years

Time commitment – 2 hours per month for meetings. Council meets on the third Tuesday of the month

Trustees

The Trustees shepherd the assets and budget of the church. The Trustees plan and oversee the annual Christian Commitment Campaign, the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Memorial Fund, and Scholarships.

Term – 3 years

Time commitment – 2 hours per month for meetings (more for officers). Trustees meet on the second Tuesday of the month.

Diaconate – One of our Greatest Needs!

The Deacons are the welcoming hands and caring heart of our Plymouth. Deacons serve the congregation by assisting in worship and caring for our members. Each Sunday, Deacons prepare the sanctuary making sure everything worshipers might need is in the pews. We greet people as they arrive and help everyone feel welcome. During the service, we collect the offering (as we do, we count the number of people in attendance for the church records.) For our monthly Service of Communion, we prepare the bread and fill the communion cups. Deacons have the honor of serving Communion as we share the Lord's Supper. Deacons also serve at memorial services to insure the everyone who comes is warmly greeted.

This is a great place to start for members who've may never have served but want to get to know people and welcome newcomers.

Term – 3 years

Time commitment – 2 hours per month for meetings plus service on Sundays. Deacons meetings are usually held after worship.

Board of Outreach and Mission (BOOM)

BOOM shepherds our missions out in the community. We work to create opportunities for members to offer their time and talents in service. Some of our mission opportunities are: "Third Thursday" Dinner service at the Chapman Partnership for the Homeless, Welcome Bags for children arriving at Chapman Partnership, Plymouth/St. Stephen's joint Aids Walk, Monthly Food Drives and support for Coconut Grove Food Pantry, once yearly work day with Rebuilding Together Miami-Dade, and Christmas Boxes for Family Resource Center.

Term – 3 years

Time commitment – 2 hours per month for meetings plus time committed to various service.

Adult Christian Education

Adult Christian Education is about fellowship and community under the banner of Christ. Bible study is the cornerstone of this group and everyone is welcome. We also join together, whether in person or virtually, to explore a variety of topics relevant to the Christian walk, such as Biblical archeology, meditation, family finances, aging, musical worship, mental health and physical wellbeing. We sometimes

draw on expertise from Plymouth members. For example, Karl Muench, M.D., spoke about genetics, reminding us that each of us is unique in all of human history, yet we are all related. New ideas and offerings are always welcome.

Term – 3 years

Time commitment – 2 hours per month for meetings plus time to support activities. (Adult Christian Ed events are usually held after worship on a Sunday)

Children Youth Education and Fellowship (CYEF)

CYEF coordinates activities of Church school for nursery and elementary school age children, middle and high school youth groups, and coordinates fellowship activities like chili cook offs, youth mission trips, and family outings (think camping, movie nights, etc.).

Term – 3 years

Time commitment – 2 hours per month for meetings (Plus time to support activities)

Music

The Music Committee works with the music director and Pastors to plan music activities and support the music program at Plymouth. Committee members will help create fellowship events and organize the Christmas Eve and Easter hospitality for people who work the services, as well as help recruit members for both the children's and adult choirs. No musical talent, other than enjoying what you hear, is required.

Term – 3 years.

Time commitment – 2 hours per month for meeting attendance plus activity support.

Personnel

Personnel is a three-member committee responsible for keeping personnel policies up to Plymouth standards. The board ensures performance evaluations are complete. Personnel also make salary recommendations and advise boards on personnel matters.

Term – 3 years

Time Commitment – 2 hours for meetings as needed.

Nominating Committee

Members of the Nominating Committee are directly elected by the Church membership at the annual meeting. The committee submits a slate of names to fill vacancies of the various committees to the Council each year. Nominating usually meets several times in the fall to have a complete slate for presentation to the Council and at the annual meeting.

Term – 3 years

Time Commitment – 2 hours for meetings and 1 hour per week between meetings to make calls to members.

OFFICERS

Moderator Promoted from Moderator-Elect; Moderator-Elect; Treasurer Promoted from Treasurer-Elect (Two Year Term); Treasurer-Elect (Every other year); Church Clerk (Two-year term)