

Invitations for Congregational Input

The congregation is welcome to contact any member of the church's staff or lay leadership, including members of committees, boards, or council, to offer suggestions, ideas, or other forms of service which contribute to the work of the church's leadership groups. Specific topics and activities for which leadership groups are requesting help and input are described below.

Board	Committee	Input Sought
Council		Ideas are always welcome regarding the overall coordination of all the boards and committees, church governance and bylaws, and our church's ongoing steps to live more fully into our mission and ministry. Feel free to contact the executive committee directly at churchcouncil@unitedchurch.org
	Personnel Committee	The Personnel Committee invites people with a background in HR policy or who are interested in participating in future search committees to volunteer. We are especially interested in having congregation members who regularly attend La Mesa to be involved.
	Pastoral Relations Committee	The PRC welcomes ideas on a clear process to promote healthy working relationships for all members of the church, and to address issues of the congregation as they relate to pastoral staff. PRC is currently exploring the Collaborative Operating System (COS) . To contribute ideas, please contact: pastoralrelationscommittee@unitedchurch.org
Board of Justice, Outreach, and Service		BJOS is always willing to hear ideas related to new social justice approaches and initiatives; information on social justice organizations in the community; or ideas for educational and faith formation activities.
	Earth Ministries Committee	Earth Ministries welcomes your ideas on reducing our carbon footprint, providing educational events on environmental issues and creation spirituality, advocating for public policies that promote a more sustainable planet, and other ways of caring for creation.
	Open and Affirming Committee	The ONA committee needs help and support from allies as well as queer/trans-identified people in our church to plan and carry out its programs. Please join us for just one event, or all of them. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drag Brunch!: January-March • Pride: May-September • Transgender Day of Remembrance: Oct-Nov
	Peacemaking Scholarship Committee	We can use your help! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update our scholarship display, materials, web page, outreach strategies • Help spread the word to potential applicants, donors, and communities • Serve on the scholarship committee • Help review scholarship applications (March)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help with fundraising events (church suppers, Alternative Gift Market,...)
Prison Ministries Committee	Volunteers are needed for visits to Orange Correctional Center, and to provide other forms of support and companionship to residents of the prison.
Racial Justice Ministries Committee	Ideas on how our church can live more fully into our racial justice covenant are always welcome. Currently, RJM is compiling a short set of guiding questions for racial equity, which groups within our church could use as a tool when planning events, setting policies, or making budgetary and other decisions. We're also planning a Lenten series leading up to a special worship service of repentance for our long history of racism in its many forms. Please join us in this work.
Sanctuary Committee	<p>Help would be welcome in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • planning and preparing Wednesday night meals to raise funds for the Emergency Assistance Fund for Immigrants. • providing assistance in the form of food, laundry, and hosting assistance to local churches who are providing sanctuary to individuals • studying current immigrant issues, to develop and arrange educational forums
Board of Children's Ministries	<p>The BOCM welcomes all who have a heart for nurturing the faith formation of young children and families.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short-term opportunities include serving snack before Sunday School, setting up worship bags, greeting families, signing up to be a helper in Sunday School, and/or offering to share your talent with our children. Some examples of talents are storytelling, creative art, building with blocks and Legos, and/or sharing nature and science. • Long-term opportunities include volunteering to teach Sunday School and/or serve on our board. We also offer several intergenerational events a year; all are welcome!
Board of Youth and Young Adult Ministries	BYYAM is seeking members of the congregation who have a heart for connecting with and mentoring young people. While building these relationships requires a longer-term commitment, shorter-term projects may be available in the future.
Board of Adult Ministries	During the 2019/20 program year, we are building our programs around the theme of Loving Our Neighbor. BAM would love to hear from you. If you have ideas for a class, adult forum or Wednesday night program please submit your ideas using this online form: http://bit.ly/UCCH_Adult_Ed_Ideas
Deacons	The Deacons welcome ideas on how we can enrich our spiritual lives together, especially our worship services.

La Mesa Committee	We welcome your ideas on how the La Mesa worship service can continue to be fully inclusive and participatory for everyone who attends, particularly those who prefer a less formal style of worship, and who may feel marginalized by society's norms and traditions.
Music Committee	We are always looking for participants for our numerous musical groups. Please share ideas on how we can enhance the worship services through music.
Visual Arts Committee	Please contact us if you have ideas about making, teaching, displaying, or sharing art in our church, or would like to participate in a project.
Board of Fellowship	Fellowship Board is in charge of the hospitality and food for major church events. We are constantly rethinking our support and sponsorship of congregational activities. We welcome creative ideas, volunteers to help us host (set up, clean up, etc)...and good cooks!
Board of Member Engagement and Stewardship	The MES board welcomes ideas on how to be genuinely inclusive, give everyone the information they need during our stewardship campaign, and help people find effective ways to contribute their time, talents, and financial resources to help us serve God and support each other through our church's ministries and programs.
Board of Trustees	The Trustees welcome input on how to make giving to the church easier, and on engaging members around taking care of the building and grounds. We currently have a small maintenance team to handle some of the odds and ends of tasks and repairs that come up, and are exploring developing a similar team to take on some of the grounds and outside "yard work" activities.
At-Large Council Members	If you have a brand new idea not mentioned above, or just don't know which board or committee to contact, your thoughts and suggestions can be sent to ideas@unitedchurch.org , or dropped into the "Ideas Box" in the Fellowship Hall. At-Large Church Council members will be monitoring the emails and paper contributions, and either responding personally or passing them along to the relevant group.