

# Survey on UUMC's Administrative Structures

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Our Lay Leadership Committee is tasked to consider the big picture of lay leadership for UUMC; not simply nominating candidates to fill offices that exist to support our present structure, but to take a longer view and ask if the administrative structure we currently practice supports the mission and ministry of the church for the present and, especially, the future.

The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, which is our governing document, was significantly revised in 2008 to allow churches great freedom and flexibility in designing our own structure to best meet our needs for mission and ministry. This has been an empowering opportunity for many of our churches across the country.

Your Lay Leadership Committee has been meeting every week to discuss and discern a pattern and a process to support the mission and ministry of UUMC. These have been exciting discussions - but we need more information . . . from you.

Please take a few minutes to respond to these questions. It is hoped you will write a sentence or two (or more!) in response to these questions on the front and back of this sheet. Please return your responses to the church office or the Friendship Table on Sunday morning.

Thank you for your help.

*Goal: Streamline administrative structures in order to improve effectiveness and productivity.*

What do you like or dislike about our current committee structure(s)?

How long should meetings last?

Are the time frame commitments for the committees you serve (or have served) adequate or excessive?

Do you feel the communication within your committee (i.e. meeting minutes, email or phone correspondence etc.) is effective?

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Do you feel that the communication between committees is effective (“right hand knows what the left hand is doing”)?

Is our present structure effective?

Do you feel that the communication between the Administration and the Congregation is sufficient?

Do the duties of our committees overlap and duplicate responsibilities?

How can we get more involvement?

Would fewer committees, fewer overall meetings, allow us greater involvement in mission and ministry.

Should most committees meet on the same night, preceded OR followed by, a time of fellowship.

What do you think are the top three areas of mission/ministry in the church?