

Congregational Care ministers Requirements and Application

Biblical and theological requirements for serving as a Congregational Care Minister:

Because Congregational Care Ministers will be partnering with pastors to offer some of the care previously done only by our pastors, it is important that these persons have basic theological and biblical training. Congregational Care Ministers will be required to have completed at least one year of Disciple Bible Study plus at least one of the following:

- The Alpha Course
- Journey 101 Courses
- Christian Believer
- Companions in Christ
- UpWord Bound University
- Stephen Ministry training

Congregational Care Ministers will also be required to be certified through The United Methodist Church's Safe Gatherings training. This training is available online. Details are on the church website. All Congregational Care Ministers will be required to complete the Congregational Care Ministers Training Course. This six week course includes information on Sacred Spaces, Wesleyan Care, Hospital Visits, Boundaries, Counseling, Prayer, and Ministry to the Frail and Dying. Time and location for this course will be announced after the interview process.

Other Requirements:

Congregational Care Ministers must have been active members of the Church of the resurrection for at least three years. They must be fulfilling the four expectations of our members: attending worship each weekend except when sick or out of town, actively pursuing growth in the Christian life through participation in a small group or some other form of Christian discipleship, serving God with their time in the ministry of the church, and giving financially in proportion to one's income with the tithe being the goal.

Congregational Care Ministers will be required to agree to and sign the united Methodist Church of the resurrection Volunteer Leader Covenant. As leaders, we set the tone and pace for the entire congregation. We shape the heart, character and life of this Christian community. For this reason, it is vital that we walk the Christian walk. Spiritually healthy leaders will produce a spiritually healthy church. With this in mind, the following covenant was developed to guide our life together as leaders. We use these standards to hold ourselves accountable to pursuing the Christian life. and in so doing, we recognize that it is God's grace which calls forth our faithful response and it is God's grace which brings such transformation in our lives.

Congregational Care Ministers will be expected to commit at least three hours per week to this ministry.