

2017 St. James UMC Leadership

The St. James United Methodist Church is governed according to the denomination’s prescribed structure as found in the United Methodist Book of Discipline. Where years are listed, they represent the final year of an individual’s term.

The Nominations Committee has undertaken a careful and discerning process of preparing the slate below for approval by Church Conference. The committee’s aim is to match persons with open positions according to the following considerations:

- Alignment with the church’s mission as a “A vibrant, growing church changing lives and reshaping futures for Jesus Christ”
- Length of membership tenure at St. James
- Balance experience in leadership with welcoming and engaging new leaders
- Actively fulfilling member expectations (UM Discipline ¶217) : prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness
- Past history of leadership in small groups, classes, ministry teams, and committees
- Balance and diversity of the committee, particularly with age, gender, and areas of involvement
- Ability to fulfill committee requirements and attend meetings
- In 2012, a class of “Preparatory Members” was created who will serve one year with voice, but without vote in order to prepare those who may subsequently be elected to serve a three-year voting term.

Church Council ¶252

In order to provide oversight and leadership throughout the year, the Church Council serves as our Church Conference’s executive governing body, monitoring ministry progress and voting on strategic matters. The Council’s primary duties include setting strategic direction for the church, overseeing the church’s governance and administration, and ensuring that our ministries are accomplishing the church’s purpose, vision and plans.

Chairperson: Ray Dillon

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Ray Dillon	Brad Sweeney	Tina Nichols
Debby Fiser	Marissa Keith	John DiVito
Scott Stern	John E. Barnes	Cathy Lanier

Ex-Officio Members (with vote):

Chairperson of Finance: Gene Fortson
 Chairperson of Staff-Parish Relations: Sue Frank
 Chairperson of Trustees: *(Chair elected by Trustees each year)*
 Senior Pastor: Rev. Siegfried Johnson

Ex-Officio Members (without vote):

Senior Staff:
 Executive Director of Ministries: Kim Anderson
 Sr. Associate Pastor: Rev. Claire Caldwell
 Pastor of Contemporary Worship: Rev. Greg Schick
 Church Business Administrator: Gayle Bohannon
 Preparatory member: Susan Antonetti
 Church Chancellor/Legal Counsel: Bill Waddell

Church Conference

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Members of Church Conference include:

- All professing members of St. James United Methodist Church.
- Clergy Families Attached to our Church Conference: Rosemary & Bill Briant, Betty Robertson, Doris Ivey, LaVerne & Wayne Keahey, Melanie & Clif Christopher, Gwenn & Gordon Donham, and Kerri & Blake Bradford

Appointed Clergy, Lay Leaders, and Lay Members of Annual Conference

- Clergy:
Rev. Siegfried Johnson, Rev. Greg Schick, Rev. Claire Caldwell, Rev. Matt Carter, and Rev. Martha Taylor
- Lay Members of Annual Conference:
John Crawford, Don Riggin, Marcia Dunbar, Cleve Jones, Lillie Byrd
Alternates: Brenda Weeks, Janet Marshall
- Lay Leader is our Church Council Chairperson: Ray Dillon

Board of Trustees (Property)

¶258.3, ¶2525

This Board is charged with the care and maintenance of church property and holds title to the church's property, buildings and equipment. Trustees must be at least eighteen years of age. Key items include establishing policies and practices regarding maintenance and equipment, church property, safe sanctuary, disaster planning, land acquisition and construction planning, and insurance.

Chairperson: *(elected by Trustees each January)*

Vice-Chair: *(elected by Trustees each January)*

Recording Secretary: Church Business Administrator

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Hamilton Bitely	Jeff Roberts	John Mark Goings
Randy Ragsdale	Denise Luft	Richard Harp
Alison Karrh	Bob Bailey	Stacy Robinson

Honorary Life Trustees (without vote):

Joyce Peck
Patty & Bill Waddell
Jim Faulkner
Harry Leggett
Fred Perkins, Jr.

Ex-Officio Members (without vote):

Senior Pastor: Rev. Siegfried Johnson
Church Business Administrator: Gayle Bohannon
Executive Director of Ministries: Kim Anderson
Preparatory member: Robin Reynolds
Church Chancellor/Legal Counsel: Bill Waddell

Finance and Stewardship Committee

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The Finance and Stewardship Committee develops and administers a coordinated plan of fiscal and administrative policies and procedures for the church. It oversees financial health, the annual audit, provides financial direction; organizes the annual stewardship program, and communicates the church's financial condition to the Church Council.

Chairperson: Gene Fortson
Vice-Chair: TBA

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Priss Inman	Kevin Keith	Gene Fortson
Don Riffin	Ann Rowell	Mark Murphy
Charles Clogston	Karen Taylor	Brian Bratcher
Bob Bloom	John Hutton	Jim Kelley
Claudia Beverly	Prentice Merritt	Melissa Kohler

Ex-Officio Members (with vote):

Appointed Pastors: Rev. Siegfried Johnson

Rev. Greg Schick

Rev. Claire Caldwell

Rev. Matt Carter

One lay member of Annual Conference: John Crawford

Lay Leader/ Chairperson of Church Council: Ray Dillon

Chairperson of Board of Trustees: *(Chair elected by Trustees each year)*

Chairperson of Staff-Parish Relations Committee: Sue Frank

Treasurer: John Culp

Ex-Officio Members (without vote):

Church Business Administrator: Gayle Bohannon

Executive Director of Ministries: Kim Anderson

Finance Administrator: Debbie Wilson Representative from Kids LIFE Administrative Committee:

Assigned by Kids LIFE

Representative from Learning Center Administrative Committee: *Assigned by Learning Center*

Preparatory member: Audrey Riser

The Staff Parish Committee governs policy for staff and clergy. The committee sets employment policy, guides the priorities of the pastoral and senior staff team, maintains oversight over personnel issues, and works to ensure that

St. James is a fulfilling place to work. Members of this committee cannot be related to a St. James staff member.

Chairperson: Sue Frank

Vice-Chair:

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Claire Pittman	DeVonda Byrd	Kathy Curtis
Kathleen Joiner	Lee Sing	Sue Frank
Betsy Dietz	David Eckess	Gary Martin

Ex-Officio Members (with vote):

One Lay Member of Annual Conference: John Crawford

Lay Leader/Church Council Chairperson: Ray Dillon

Ex-Officio Members (without vote):

Preparatory member: TBA

Senior Pastor: Rev. Siegfried Johnson

Executive Director of Ministries: Kim Anderson

Church Chancellor/Legal Counsel: Bill Waddell

The St. James United Methodist Church Endowment was established to identify and develop opportunities for planned giving. The Endowment's purpose is to support and provide for the future needs of our church's ministry by encouraging our members to remember St. James in their wills, trusts, retirement accounts and life insurance designations.

Chairperson: Chris Stratton

Vice-Chair: *elected by committee*

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Chris Stratton	Raydodd Hester	Brittany Goings Marsh
Carol Hutton	Jay Gadberry	Gary Chambers
Tony Cooper	Joyce Peck	Ferris Garrison
Luana Bracy	David Coldiron	Benni Fambrough

Ex-Officio Members (without vote):

Chair or Representative of Board of Trustees: *assigned by Trustees*

Chair or Representative of Finance Committee: *assigned by Finance*

Senior Pastor: Rev. Siegfried Johnson

Executive Director of Ministries: Kim Anderson

Finance Administrator: Donna Sharp

Foundation Consultant: Janet Marshall

Preparatory Member: Creed Spann

Committee on Nominations and Lay Development

Leader Selection & Governance

Structure ¶258.1

The Committee oversees the identification, development and care for the volunteer leaders at St James. Key initiatives include preparing the annual nomination slate and providing oversight of volunteer service and leadership development at the church.

Chairperson and Senior Pastor: Rev. Siegfried Johnson

Vice-Chair: *elected by committee*

Secretary: *elected by committee*

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Bric Morledge	Dave Henry	Don Bacon
Benni Fambrough	Mary McMillan	Molly Robinson
Erin Dees	Allison Karrh	Erin Gray

Ex-Officio Members (with vote):

Senior Pastor: Rev. Siegfried Johnson

One delegate to Annual Conference: Marcia Dunbar

Ex-Officio Members (without vote):

Executive Director of Ministries: Kim Anderson

Preparatory Member: Karen Fry

Safe Sanctuary Committee

Responsible for Child Protection Policies,

Reports to Trustees

Ex-Officio Staff Members: Director of Children's Ministry, Director of Youth Ministry, Assistant Director of Youth Ministries, Nursery Coordinator, the Church Administrator (*or her/his designated representative*), the Senior Pastor and the Executive Director of Ministries.

Four Lay Members: Tony Cooper, Marla Wirges, Melanie Christopher

Church Chancellor/Legal Counsel: Bill Waddell

Columbarium Garden Committee

The St. James Columbarium is a place of worship and memorial celebration. The Committee governs its operations and relates to the Board of Trustees.

Chairperson: *Scotty Freebairn*

Secretary *Chosen by Committee*

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Carol Freebairn	Gaylia Fortson	Scotty Freebairn
Faith Smith	Harry Leggett	John Hodoway

Ex-Officio Members (with vote):

Executive Director of Ministries: Kim Anderson

Church Business Administrator: Gayle Bohannon

Representative of Board of Trustees: *assigned by Trustees*

Church Architect and Honorary Life Trustee: Fred Perkins

Preparatory Member: Lee Stephens

CHILD ENRICHMENT MINISTRIES

Our Child Enrichment Ministries provide Christian care and education for children throughout the year. The respective administrative committees provide advisory support for these state-licensed ministries for children.

Learning Center Administrative Committee Child Enrichment Ministries

Chairperson: William McMillan
 Treasurer: *Chosen by Committee*
 Secretary *Chosen by Committee*

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
William McMillan	Barbie James	Mary Lee Smith
Leigh Anderson	Bruce Dobson	Kyle O'Malley
April Matthews	Jamie Deason	Jennifer Modrak

Ex-Officio Members (with vote):

Director of the Child Enrichment Ministries: Amy Morledge
 Executive Director of Ministries: Kim Anderson
 Senior Pastor: Rev. Siegfried Johnson

Ex-Officio Members (without vote):

Assistant Director of CEM: Leah Phelps
 Site Supervisor: Rebecca Looney
 Site Supervisor: Jomecia Somerville

Kids LIFE Administrative Committee Child Enrichment Ministries

Chairpersons: *Chosen by the Committee*
 Treasurer: *Chosen by Committee*
 Secretary: *Chosen by Committee*

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Brenda Bailey	Carrie Teeter	Nathan Pittman
Philip Way	Sarah Harrison	Judy Jacobs
Kellie Sinh	David Coldiron	Lisa Ragland

Ex-Officio Members (with vote):

Director of Child Enrichment Ministries: Amy Morledge
 Executive Director of Ministries: Kim Anderson
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Assistant Director of CEM: Leah Phelps
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