

## Church and Ministry Council

The Church and Ministry Council is composed of representatives from the Committees on Ministry of our five Associations. It is the responsibility of the Council to support and coordinate the work of those committees. We offer training and provide a forum for discerning how to strengthen our churches and our leaders.

Since the last Spring Meeting of the Conference, we have focused on helping committees adapt to the new Manual on Ministry, worked on addressing the inequities of clergy compensation, continued to encourage the excellence of our leaders and churches through expanded boundary and diversity training, as well as supporting the growth of leaders involved in the Communities of Practice continuing education.

Our Conference is blessed with many gifted and dedicated leaders serving on Association Committees on Ministry. And the willingness of those leaders to honor our covenant relationship through the Church and Ministry Council is strengthening our churches for faithful ministry. Our Conference staff offer excellent guidance as, together, we move into God's promising future! Thank you for the privilege of serving as Dean.

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