

# Application for Leadership Position



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for:

- Accountable Leadership Board (ALB) – *church membership required*
- Team Member

I am a professing member of Centenary UMC:

- Yes
- No

Members of the Accountable Leadership Board and its underlying members agree to the following Guiding Principles:

- To abide by the Guiding Principles and serve a 3-year term
- To work toward spiritual and discipleship maturity
- To keep in confidence conversations and decisions of the ALB that occur in closed session or are otherwise confidential
- To abide by the vision of the church and assist in aligning decisions with that vision
- [for ALB members] To commit to monthly meetings (currently the evening of the second Monday of each month)
- [for team members] To commit to active participation

I am willing to abide by the Guiding Principles above that relate to the position for which I am applying (and am willing to sign a covenant regarding such).

- Yes

Briefly describe your daily devotional and spiritual practices:

Briefly describe why you desire to serve in the capacity for which you are applying.

Briefly describe your past involvement in church ministries and community organizations.

## **Centenary United Methodist Church Role of Accountable Leadership Board/Members**

After a period of prayer, study, and conversation, the leadership of Centenary United Methodist Church discerned that the congregation needs to move to a new form of biblically focused, streamlined, and accountable model of church leadership. This change was approved at our annual charge conference on November 2, 2019. Beginning in April 2020, the nine-member Accountable Leadership Board will have the responsibility for shepherding and managing the affairs of the church.

**The role of the Accountable Leadership Board is to provide spiritual oversight, direction and leadership to the congregation. Specifically, it:**

- Sets the vision through a strategic planning process.
- Creates and monitors church policies and procedures.
- Provides accountability for the pastor.
- Has responsibility for the stewardship of the financial and property resources of the church.
- Serves as a liaison for staff and a sounding board for all who are involved in the ministries of the congregation, listening to concerns and considering suggestions.

**Collectively, the Accountable Leadership Board, through its members, sets an example of Christian service, stewardship, and accountability. Individually, its members commit to:**

- Praying regularly and studying scripture to discern God's direction for one's life.
- Preparing for and attending monthly Leadership Board meetings. Some months may involve more than one meeting. Time commitment should range from six to 10 hours monthly.
- Spending the time needed to learn about his/her assigned work areas and keep up with developments in those areas.
- Building relationships with staff in assigned work areas.
- Avoiding conflicts of interest by disclosing any potential areas of conflict.
- Supporting the decisions of the Leadership Board once they are made.
- Regularly attending worship, participating in mission outreach ministries, and sharing in spiritual growth opportunities.
- Maintaining strict confidentiality with personnel and pastoral concerns.
- Supporting the church with one's financial resources, building towards tithing.

The United Methodist Book of Discipline requires that members of the Accountable Leadership Board be members of Centenary United Methodist Church. Centenary UMC is committed to creating and maintaining a diverse blend of leaders, including a range of ages, gender, and ethnic identity.

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