

# Westwood United Methodist Church

## Faith Development Committee

*As of June 28, 2011*

**Mission:** To help facilitate a closer relationship with God and Jesus Christ, for the un-churched, new members and for those with an established faith, via the Methodist tradition. The ultimate goal is to connect people with one another and Jesus Christ.

**Responsibilities:** Responsibilities of the committee is to create a team-based approach, that will help the church family with where, how and when then can assimilate into the congregation, enrich their lives with particular events, adult education, membership classes and direct them when they need assistance with their prayer events or wishes.

The “teams” approach has been adopted to make sure that the mission of the church and ministry can continue in any environment. The approach builds in redundancy and depth, so that if a member of the team needs to focus on their own life events, they are free to do so and are supported by the other team members, while the church mission continues.

Furthermore, the committee believes that leadership and the church community is best served by all members being active in the church’s life and service; therefore, we have decided to institute term limits on at least the Chairperson of the committee. Committee members are recommended to follow this example.

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### Faith Development Checklist for Church and Church-related Events

For information on any particular area of interest, please contact the following members:

#### A: The Faith Events and Assimilation Coordinator position will:

Primary: Al Ridderbos  
Phone:  
Email:

Secondary: OPEN  
Phone:  
Email:

1. Help promote faith events and programs, such as The Walk to Emmaus, Alpha and the Pastors Membership Program.
2. Seek to assimilate people who attend the Walk to Emmaus, the Membership Program and Alpha, into a continual discipleship at Westwood UMC.
3. Seek to integrate faith events and retreats into those continuing discipleship at Westwood UMC.
4. Serve as a Liaison to other committees for their area of responsibility.

#### B: The Adult Continuing Education Coordinator position will:

Primary: Linda Ridderbos  
Phone:  
Email:

Secondary: OPEN  
Phone:  
Email:

1. Help coordinate instructors in their efforts to communicate courses to be offered and the logistics necessary, relevant to the offering. Forms will be created that will assist instructors in this task.
2. To advise instructors on the requirements set by UMC for classroom education.
3. Advise instructors on other courses being offered in the same timeframe to avoid conflicts or duplication.
4. Serve as a Liaison to other committees for their area of responsibility.

**C: The Membership Coordinator position will:**

1. Currently Undefined by Pastor, more information to come.

Primary: Open  
 Phone:  
 Email:

Secondary: OPEN  
 Phone:  
 Email:

**D: The Prayer Programs Coordinator position will:**

1. Create a solid foundation of prayer, by helping those to learn how to pray as a Church, via the leadership, ministries, people, outreach, and missions.
2. Serve as a Liaison to other committees for their area of responsibility.

Primary: Ann Klute  
 Phone:  
 Email:

Secondary: Gladys Nyauchi  
 Phone:  
 Email:

**E: The Chair and the Co-Chair will work in a collaborative effort to insure:**

1. That the overall mission of this committee members serves the church's needs as assigned and that all members participate in a effort to support the teams overall mission.
2. The Committee Chair represents their efforts to Church Council and reports back, the Council's feedback, to the Committee.
3. Other committee heads have an overall liaison to the other members of the Faith Development Committee.

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Co-Chair: Pastor Wayne  
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That they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. [John 17:21](#)