

**1. Title:** Discipleship Ministry

**2. Purpose:**

To define the specific functions (responsibilities) of the Discipleship Ministry as assigned by the FPCC Session. This includes:

- ⤴ Helping unbelievers understand the gospel and bringing them to saving faith in Jesus Christ.
- ⤴ Developing fruitful servants of Christ by helping people grow in their understanding of Scripture and how it applies to their lives and to our world.
- ⤴ Building greater community among those who attend our church.

**3. Policy:**

The Discipleship Ministry is responsible for the following functions.

**3.1 Adult Sunday School**

3.1.1 Organizes or provides Sunday morning Bible study, or meaningful instruction utilizing related Christian curriculum [OPS 11.04].

3.1.2 Recruits Sunday School teachers [OPS 11.01] and [OPS 11.11].

3.1.3 Approves Sunday School curriculum [OPS 11.03].

**3.2 Wednesday Night Topical Adult Studies**

3.2.1 Organizes or provides Wednesday Night Topical Studies, or meaningful instruction utilizing related Christian curriculum [OPS 11.05].

3.2.2 Recruits Wednesday night teachers [OPS 11.01] and [OPS 11.11].

3.2.3 Approves Wednesday night curriculum [OPS 11.03].

**3.3 Covenant Small Groups**

3.3.1 Oversees the organization and maintenance of Covenant Small Groups [OPS 11.06].

3.4 Special Events Team

3.4.1 The Special Events Team is a separate team from the Discipleship Ministry; however, the Special Events budget is included as part of the Discipleship budget.

3.4.2 The Special Events Team brings outstanding and timely speakers and performers to FPCC to increase our spiritual growth by informing, educating, energizing, motivating, and inspiring [OPS 11.07].

3.4.3 An elder (either an active or a past elder) who is serving on the Discipleship Ministry will be assigned to the Special Events Team. This elder will serve as the liaison between the two organizations.

3.4.4 The Discipleship Ministry Leader shall represent the Special Events Team on the Session.

3.5 Children's Ministry Teams [OPS 11.08]

3.5.1 The Children's Sunday School Team is a separate team from the Discipleship Ministry; however, the Children's Sunday School budget is included as part of the Discipleship budget.

3.5.2 The Children's Vacation Bible School Team is a separate team from the Discipleship Ministry; however, the Children's Vacation Bible School budget is included as part of the Discipleship budget.

3.5.3 The Children's Wednesday Night Team is a separate team from the Discipleship Ministry; however, the Children's Wednesday Night budget is included as part of the Discipleship budget.

3.5.4 The Associate Pastor acts as a liaison between the Discipleship Ministry and the Children's Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and Wednesday Night teams .

3.5.5 The Associate Pastor shall represent the Children's Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and Wednesday Night teams on the Session.

3.6 Youth Ministry Teams [OPS 11.09]

3.6.1 The Youth Sunday School Team is a separate team from the Discipleship Ministry; however, the Youth Sunday School budget is included as part of the Discipleship budget.

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3.6.2 The Youth Sunday Night Fellowship Team is a separate team from the Discipleship Ministry; however, the Youth Fellowship budget is included as part of the Discipleship budget.

3.6.3 The Youth Missions Team is a separate team from the Discipleship Ministry; however, the Youth Missions budget is included as part of the Discipleship budget.

3.6.4 The Associate Pastor acts as a liaison between the Discipleship Ministry and the Youth Sunday School, Fellowship, and Mission teams.

3.6.5 The Associate Pastor shall represent the Youth Sunday School, Fellowship, and Wednesday Night teams on the Session.

### 3.7 Library

3.7.1 The Librarian provides administration for the church Library by authorizing the Library's purchases and authorizing the payment of invoices; however, the Library budget is included as part of the Discipleship budget.

## **4. Definitions:**

Topical – A learning based study of a selected topic, or book of the Bible.

Covenant – A document signed by each of the small group members, indicating their commitment to the group.

Children – Birth through 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Youth - 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade

Adult – Out of high school and above

## **5. References:** OPS 03.02 Session: General and Specific Responsibilities

## **6. Applicability:**

- ✧ Discipleship Ministry Leader
  - a. Sets agenda and prepares minutes for each meeting.
  - b. Maintains interface with Session and other ministries.
- ✧ Associate Pastor
  - An Ex Officio member of the Ministry and maintains interface with Pastor

- △ Discipleship Ministry members  
Highly motivated church members, including elders, who serve as participant(s) in the Ministry.

**7. Procedures:**

- 7.1 Teacher Approval [OPS 11.01] and [OPS 11.02]
- 7.2 Leader Training [OPS 11.11]
- 7.3 Curriculum Approval [OPS 11.03]
- 7.4 Adult Sunday School [OPS 11.04]
- 7.5 Wednesday Night Topical Adult Studies [OPS 11.05]
- 7.6 Covenant Small Groups [OPS 11.06]
- 7.7 Special Events [OPS 11.07]
- 7.8 Children's Ministry Teams [OPS 11.08]
- 7.9 Youth Ministry Teams [OPS 11.09]
- 7.10 Adult Sunday School and Wednesday Night Topical Studies Room Arrangements [OPS 11.10]

**8. Review Schedule:** The review date for determining if a revision of this OPS is necessary is the anniversary of the effective date.

**9. Approval:** Session approved this OPS on the above effective date.