

Discernment Team

Roles and Responsibilities

Oversight Lead: **John Pearce** pearce_john@att.net **210-274-8092**

Responsible for oversight of the whole discernment process

- a. Ensure that information is being provided, meetings are being scheduled and the webpage stays current and fresh with information.
- b. Create a timeline for the team that will provide an effective flow of information.
- c. Ensure compliance with Rio Texas discernment guidelines.
- d. Be point of contact with the District Superintendent (DS) and the scheduling of the three Listening Sessions.
- e. Coordinate with Ad Board and DS to determine if or when BUMC will take a disaffiliation vote.

Team 1: Intentional Prayer

Lead: **Karen Hoskelis** 3rday@78003.com 830-796-5496

Elizabeth Scott jennysgardengates@icloud.com **830-328-2336**

Responsible for guiding the church with intentional prayer.

- a. Write a short prayer or find relevant scripture to be printed in the weekly church bulletin and posted at the top of discernment page on the BUMC website.
- b. Start discernment meetings with short prayer or reading a relevant scripture.
- c. Keep the process focused on intentional prayer.

Team 2: Discernment Web Page

Lead: **Michael Rodriguez** rolandmrodriguez3@gmail.com **210-627-0270**

Sarah Baxter sarahmwb5253@gmail.com **210-412-4723**

Responsible for managing a page on the BUMC website dedicated to discernment.

- a. Posting documents, videos or links that will provide information to church members.
- b. Manage an interactive Q & A section for church members.
- c. Maintain an FAQ section.

Team 3: Subject Matter Expert

Lead: **Tom Brosz** tom.brosz@7-11.com **210-872-9564**

Responsible for becoming the subject matter expert on financial, legal, property, pastoral, etc. types of issues relating to discernment.

- a. Be able to address questions on these matters from church members.
- b. Research and find the answer and get response posted to the webpage.

Team 4: Current UMC Issues

Lead: **Sharon Anderwald** sanderwald52@gmail.com **830-460-0671**

Susan Freeman sfreeman99@sbcglobal.net **281-460-9898**

Responsible for finding and providing information relative to the current UMC issues.

- a. Why are so many UMC church members concerned and what are the key issues?
- b. How did we get here and over what period of time?
- c. How has UMC addressed these issues?
- d. Find information to post on webpage and to discuss with members during congregational meetings.
- e. Be able to answer questions or find the answer to members' questions.

Team 5: Alternatives to UMC

Lead: **Roberta Himebrook** himebrookrl@totacc.com **830-460-0242**

Sheri Norris shrmod5@gmail.com **830-423-4145**

Responsible for finding information and resources that describe and detail the options available to BUMC that are alternatives to UMC.

- a. Find information to post on the BUMC webpage and to discuss with members during congregational meetings.
- b. Find and schedule speakers for options such as the Global Methodist Church or being an independent church.