

Servant Leader Covenant

Benton United Methodist Church

Thank you for your willingness to serve our church through your servant leadership. Servant leaders are those who fill the biblical role of elders, deacons, shepherds and teachers. As leaders, we model what it means to live a Christian life. We shape the heart and character of our church by being spiritually strong so that Benton United Methodist Church will be a spiritually healthy church. We believe the goal of the Christian life is to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and to love your neighbor as yourself.

Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by Inviting **In**, Growing **Up** and Sending **Out**. There are many ways to live out our mission. The Lay Nomination Team is charged with finding those who feel called to an elected position. There are Administrative Offices that are required by the Book of Discipline (Board of Trustees, Finance committee, Staff Parish Relations committee, Lay Nominations Committee and Lay Delegate to Annual Conference). In addition, we elect servants to coordinate our congregation in fulfilling our mission. These fall under the broad umbrella of our Mission of IN, UP, and OUT.

Leader Commitments: *The “General Rules” of John Wesley:*

1. Avoid things that would separate us from God, or bring harm to others.
2. Do good of every possible sort.
3. Pursue growth in our spiritual lives.

Leader Attributes: Christ Centered, courageous, compassionate, continually improving.

Church Engagement:

1. **Prayers.** Commit to personal spiritual growth and small group participation.
2. **Presence.** Attend every week if possible.
3. **Gifts.** Contribute financially with the tithe being the goal.
4. **Service.** Volunteer both inside and outside of the church.
5. **Witness.** Bear witness to Jesus Christ, through word and deed

Leaders Standard of Practice

How will Benton’s leaders serve the church?

1. Regular attendance at meetings.
2. Arrive prepared for meetings.
3. Participation during meetings.
4. Taking on outside work from meetings.
5. Positively representing the church.

How will Benton’s leaders relate to one another?

1. With respect and grace.
2. Accepting differences.
3. Maintaining appropriate confidentiality.
4. Publicly supporting other leaders, pastors and staff members.
5. Going directly to the individual if a problem arises.

I have read the above and have committed my life and pursuing my ministry in a way that is consistent with these expectations and desire to do so at Benton United Methodist Church.

Signed: _____

Date: _____