

Church Council Descriptions

Moderator(s): member of the church council leadership team consisting of the moderator elect, moderator, and past moderator over a 3 year period.

Treasurer: Receives, accounts for, and disburses money at direction of Church Council and the budget

Secretary: Keeps a record of the quarterly congregational and monthly council meetings

Serve, Learn, Worship, and Community Building Liaisons: Each liaison represents the committees in his or her area to Church Council

Deacons: Assists the pastor in providing for the spiritual welfare of the congregation and support the pastor in the pastor's ministry to the congregation. Meets monthly.

Trustees Committee: Acts on behalf of the church to manage all church real estate and property. Responsible for maintaining a viable plan for real estate and upkeep in an orderly manner. Meets monthly.

Event Descriptions

Family Game Night: In October and in March, RMC hosts a Family Game Night and invites Freedom School, neighborhood, and church members to come for an evening of playing games and eating pizza.

Willa Gill Food Kitchen: RMC members volunteer every other month at this food kitchen serving meals to homeless and low-income people.

Crosslines Christmas Store: Each December, RMC members organize and operate the food section of the Christmas Store, which serves approximately 700 low-income families during the Christmas season.

Hot Dogs in the Park: Every June, RMC hosts Hot Dogs in the Park for neighborhood families. RMC provides the hot dogs and members bring other dishes to share.

Easter Egg Hunt: Since 1985, RMC has hosted an Easter Egg Hunt in Whitmore Park for neighborhood and church kids. There are many ways to get involved, including coloring eggs, hiding eggs, parking control, face painting and more.

Backsnacks: Harvesters Community Food Network provides us with packages of food that we take to Nobel Prentis Elementary School for kids to have over the weekend.

Freedom School: Freedom School is a six week summer literacy program that Rainbow hosts each summer. Opportunities to be involved include afterschool care, running errands, and helping in the kitchen.

Getting involved
at Rainbow



Rainbow Committee Descriptions

Worship Committee: Assists the pastor and music ministries director in making worship at RMC meaningful. Monthly meetings.

Visual Arts Committee: Seeks to make worship more meaningful by use of flowers, artwork, and other items for Sunday services, special events, church seasons, etc. Also consulted on issues related to interior design.

WorshipArts: Kindergarten-5th grade children head to the WorshipArts room during the closing hymn. There they spend time before Sunday school with committed adult volunteers getting a "close up" look at the movements, songs, language, rituals, sacraments, and art of worship.

Adult Education Committee: Develops classes and recruits leaders for adult education.

Youth Education Committee*: Oversees children's education (Pre-school through 12) in the church.

Library Committee: Maintains the library collection in an attractive manner with specific attention to Mennonite authors or subject matter, emphasis on issues of peace and justice, and diversity.

Youth Support Board: To implement an intergenerational and nurturing space where the needs and gifts of 6-12th grade youth are named and served.

Youth Sponsors: Provides leadership for either the Jr. or Sr. High Youth through regular, varied activities.

Welcoming Committee: Fosters a welcoming presence to all visitors

Youth Mentoring Program Committee: Matches interested youth and adult mentors; does orientation, annual kickoff, background checks via outside firm, and occasional checkups with participants.

Social Committee: Facilitates fellowship activities, particularly those pertaining to meal and functions involving food that take place in Fellowship Hall.

Small Group Committee: Organizes and maintains small group program, adding to groups as needed.

Retreat Committee: Provides periodic opportunity for the congregation to get to know and fellowship with each other, to worship together, and to learn in a social/recreational setting.

Publications Committee: Assists with providing opportunities for congregation members to stay informed about the life and functioning of the church.

Mennonite Voluntary Service Support Board: Provides a local support group who are a liaison between the MVS Unit and church community; helps the Unit meet its goal of serving the wider community.

Rainbow Community Garden: Serves Rosedale and the church community through the garden.

Outreach Committee: Seeks to identify, organize, and equip service opportunities for members of the congregation to fulfill the church's mission by developing partnerships in the surrounding community.

Peace and Justice Fellowship: Educates our congregation about local, national, and international peace and justice issues; builds relationships with similar groups and promotes wider community events.

Park (Whitmore Playground) Committee: Maintains the park facilities to provide an inviting recreation area for people of all ages and abilities in the surrounding community.

Adopt-A-Section: small groups of people to care for each section of the park; involves several hours of "yard" work every week or 2 during the summer with opportunity to mentor and visit while working.

Gifts Discernment Committee*: Helps individuals to connect with the church by giving of their time and talents; helps the church and groups in the church fulfill the mission by connecting talents with needs. Serves as nominating committee for elected offices.

Personnel Committee*: Assists Church Council and pastor with matters related to hired personnel other than pastor

Stewardship Committee: Provides financial planning and oversight for church financial matters. Assists in developing an annual budget for the congregation's planned expenses and benevolences.

College Grants Committee: Distributes designated money to students attending Mennonite Higher Education. (For legal reasons, parents of students using the grants cannot serve on this committee.)

Rainbow Performing Arts Committee: Organizes an annual concert series in addition to coordinating other performing arts events.

Remembrance Garden Committee: Provides oversight of the Remembrance Garden

*appointed committee