

Fishers United Methodist Church Restructuring

What is the Restructuring?

Current Administrative Structure:

- Church Council, currently 6-8 members of the Congregation plus pastors
- Various other Committees (Staff Parish Relations, Finance, Trustees)
- Committees consider items, make recommendations,
- Recommendations are acted upon by Church Council
- Many committee meetings take place before matters are finally acted upon

Proposed Change

- One Church Board which hears and acts upon all administrative matters
- 9 to 12 Members
- Senior & Associate Pastor are advisory members
- Diverse representation by Congregation desired
- Members serve a term of 3 years
- "Term limits;" no member can serve more than 2 terms, which allows for new members with fresh ideas

Why make this change?

- Greater flexibility and quicker action on administrative matters
- Ability of the Board to focus more on the overall spiritual direction and development of the church
- Frees up time for more members of the congregation to devote to spiritual development and ministry/mission activities
- More modern management approach, which is being promoted by the Methodist Church and has been adopted by several congregations