

Resources for Local Church Ad Councils & Equivalentents

Traditional Church Council Basics

[Book of Discipline: ¶ 252. The Church Council](#)
[Church Council Guidelines](#)
[UM Discipleship Resources](#) for Chairpersons

Models and Guidance for Single Board/Simple Structures

[Arkansas Annual Conference](#)
[CalPac Annual Conference \(video\)](#)
[Great Plains Annual Conference](#)
[Mississippi Annual Conference](#)
[Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference \(recorded webinar\)](#)
[Local church example with Q&A](#)

Finding Your Why

(We recommend supporting your local bookstore! You can, however, find helpful summaries, reviews, etc. at the Amazon links provided here.)

[*Community: The Structure of Belonging* by Peter Block](#)
[*Emergent Strategy* by Adrienne Maree Brown](#)
[*How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going* by Susan Beaumont](#)
[*Simplified Accountable Structure* \(free workbook\) by Arkansas Annual Conference](#)
[*Systems Thinking for Social Change* by David Peter Stroh](#)

Church Leadership Resources to Know

[Lewis Center for Church Leadership](#)
[Parish Collective](#) (connecting people to be the church in the neighborhood)
[United Methodist Church & Community Development for All People](#)
[Vibrant Congregations](#)

Recommended Articles

[7 Ways to Lead When the Way Ahead is Unclear](#)
[Find our New Normal](#)
[From Decision Making to Discernment](#)
[Fruitful Leaders Ask Questions](#)
[Leading When You Don't Know the Way](#)
[Leading with Imperfect Knowledge](#)
[Millennials Lead Shift Away from Organized Religion as Pandemic Tests Americans' Faith](#)
[Right Questions for Church Leaders](#)
[The Power of Five Questions](#)
[There's No Going Back to the Pre-Pandemic Church](#)