
CHURCH COUNCIL

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AGENDA

- ☐ The Book of Discipline
- ☐ Importance of the Church Council
- ☐ The Purpose of the Church Council
- ☐ Membership in the Church Council
- ☐ Structure of the Church Council



THE LOCAL CHURCH

- ❑ ¶ 243. *Primary Tasks*—The local church shall be organized so that it can pursue its primary task and mission in the context of its own community—reaching out and receiving with joy all who will respond; encouraging people in their relationship with God and inviting them to commitment to God’s love in Jesus Christ; providing opportunities for them to seek strengthening and growth in spiritual formation; and supporting them to live lovingly and justly in the power of the Holy Spirit as faithful disciples.
- ❑ ¶ 244. *Organization*—The basic organizational plan for the local church shall include provision for the following units: a charge conference, a church council, a committee on pastor-parish relations, a board of trustees, a committee on finance, a committee on nominations and leadership development, and such other elected leaders, commissions, councils, committees, and task forces as the charge conference may determine.



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- ❑ ¶ 252. 1. *Purpose*—The church council shall provide for planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, witness, and resources in the local church. It shall also provide for the administration of its organization and temporal life. It shall envision, plan, implement, and annually evaluate the mission and Ministry of the church. The church council shall be amenable to and function as the administrative agency of the charge conference (¶ 244).
- ❑ ¶247.2: The charge conference, the district superintendent, and the pastor shall organize and administer the pastoral charge and churches according to the policies and plans herein set forth. When the membership size, program scope, mission resources, or other circumstances so require, the charge conference may, in consultation with and upon the approval of the district superintendent, modify the organizational plans, provided that the provisions of ¶ 243 are observed.



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- ❑ The United Methodist Church is structured to be laity lead, and this is a really important, being that we are an itinerant denomination.
- ❑ That makes the church council the foundation on which the local church stands and operates.



PURPOSE



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- ❑ The purpose of the church council is to provide oversight of primary operating and administrative functions of the local church.
- ❑ To assess, envision, plan, shape and implement the strategic and long-term direction of the local church.
- ❑ To evaluate the effectiveness of the mission and ministries of the local church and to under the leadership and guidance of the assigned pastoral leader.



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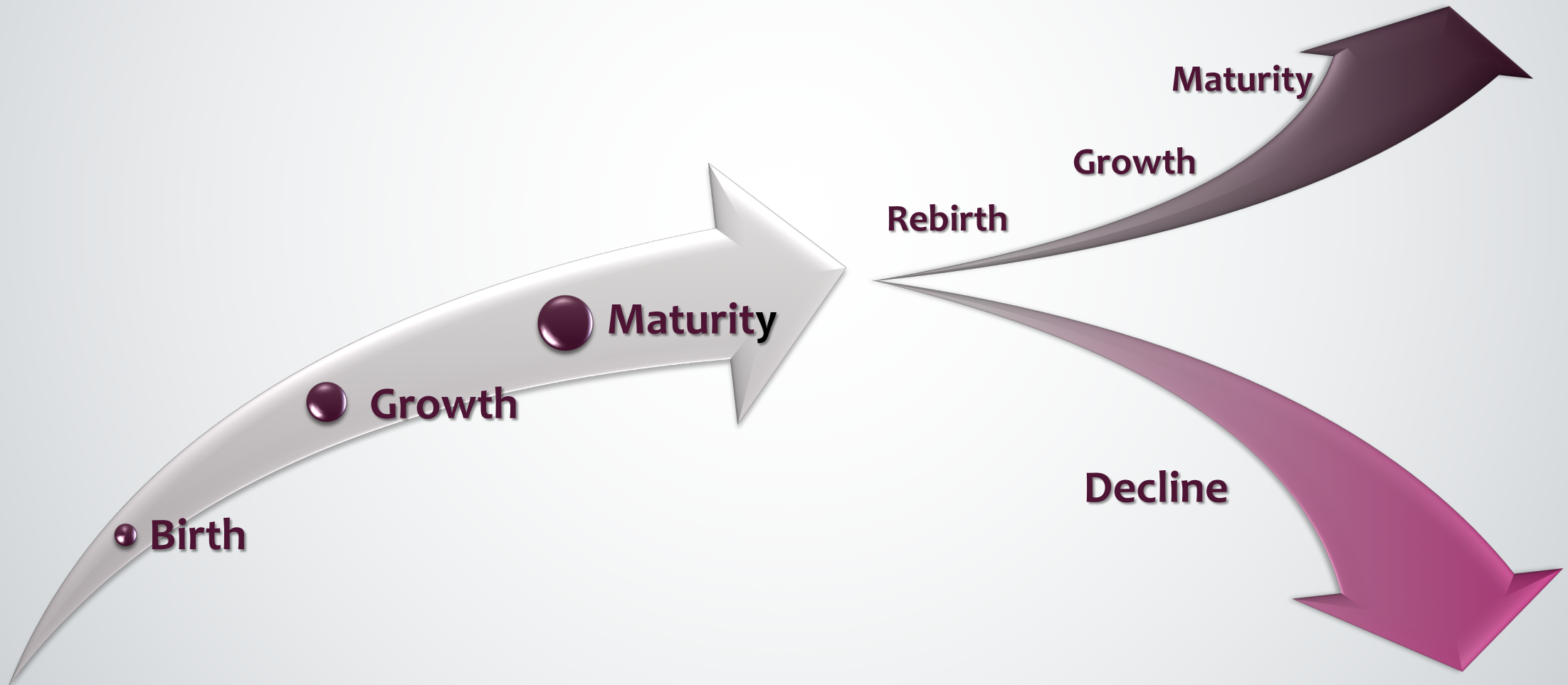


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MEMBERSHIP



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- ❑ Membership on the Church Council is not a job or a title; it is a spiritual endeavor and Church Council members are spiritual leaders.
- ❑ As spiritual leaders, Church Council members covenant to live faithfully and intentionally and to work together selflessly and cooperatively for the sake of Jesus Christ and His church.



STRUCTURE

