



**WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Aurora, Illinois**

Governing Board Application  
*Created September 21, 2015*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETION:**

- Answer the following questions using additional sheets.
- Staple this page as a cover sheet to your answers.
- Deliver your completed application in a sealed envelope to the attention of the pastor to the church office by October 9<sup>th</sup>.

1. Describe the mission and vision of Wesley United Methodist Church?
2. Explain your understanding of the core beliefs and core principles of Wesley United Methodist Church.

**Core Beliefs:**

- Jesus
- Bible
- Prayer
- Holy Spirit
- Faith
- The Church

**Core principles - A fully committed follower of Jesus . . .**

- Sees the image of God in all people by seeing the sacred worth of each individual.

- Celebrates diversity and differences by developing cultural competency and participating in ministries of reconciliation.
  - Welcomes all people with radical hospitality by helping others feel welcomed, included and accepted.
  - Develops spiritual maturity by creating space in ones daily life to develop clarity about core principles and beliefs by living out the means of grace.
  - Works towards excellence by giving God the best in response to the gift of grace received.
  - Lives a life of repentance and reconciliation by resisting evil, oppression and injustices and participating in acts of mercy and justice.
3. Provide a brief description of your spiritual journey.
  4. (a) How long have you been attending Wesley United Methodist Church?  
(b) When did you become a member?
  5. (a) What do you do to grow deeper in your faith?  
(b) How have you grown in the past year?
  6. (a) Who discipled you?  
(b) Who are you currently discipling?
  7. (a) What are your areas of strengths?  
(b) What are your areas of challenge?
  8. Describe God's call for you to serve on the Governing Board?
  9. The Governing Board will occasionally discuss extremely sensitive issues. It is critical that these issues remain confidential and be shared with no one outside the board including significant others.  
(a) What are your thoughts about this type of confidentiality?  
(b) Are you able to commit to absolute confidentiality in this leadership role?
  10. Each year the Leadership Board will, as a group, attend a regional or national-level training event designed to help individuals more fully understand the mission of the Church and how to effectively move forward into the future. Are you willing and able to commit to participation in an annual training event? (Financial assistance is available if needed.)

11. Please attach a current copy of your employment resume or a brief history of your employment history to your application. This will provide valuable information we might not otherwise know about the gifts, talents, skills and abilities you can bring to the Transition Team for the Leadership Board.