

Carol Mabry – Planning Council Chair

Open Meeting – Non-Committee Members May Be Recognized By Chair To Address Committee

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The Planning Council coordinates the church's ministry plans, calendar, and strategic priorities so that every ministry works together to fulfill the church's mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ. Rather than overseeing individual ministries, the Planning Council ensures that all ministries work together toward a common vision.

1. Develop and Coordinate the Church's Ministry Plan

The Planning Council works with ministry leaders to create a unified ministry plan for the year.

- Establishing annual ministry goals
- Coordinating church-wide initiatives
- Aligning ministry plans with the church's vision
- Eliminating unnecessary duplication of programs
- Ensuring ministries complement one another

2. Create and Maintain the Annual Church Calendar

One of the committee's most visible responsibilities is coordinating the church calendar.

- Scheduling worship events and special services
- Coordinating educational programs
- Planning mission and outreach opportunities
- Avoiding conflicts between ministries
- Maintaining a balanced annual calendar

3. Evaluate Ministry Effectiveness

The Planning Council regularly asks whether the church's ministries are accomplishing their purpose.

- Reviewing ministry outcomes
- Measuring progress toward church goals
- Identifying successful ministries
- Recommending changes or improvements
- Celebrating ministry accomplishments

4. Encourage Collaboration Among Ministries

The committee helps ministry leaders work together instead of operating independently.

- Bringing ministry leaders together
- Sharing resources across ministries
- Encouraging joint events and partnerships
- Improving communication among committees
- Supporting a unified church vision

5. Plan for the Church's Future

The Planning Council looks beyond the current year to help the congregation prepare for future opportunities.

- Identifying emerging ministry needs
- Planning for community outreach
- Supporting new ministry initiatives
- Recommending strategic priorities to the Board of Stewards
- Helping the church remain focused on its mission