

Christian Development Committee Terms of Reference

Purpose

The mandate of the Christian Development (CD) Committee at Rideau Park United Church (RPUC) is to take the lead in planning and developing programs to promote Christian development for people of all ages in the Congregation.

Structural Accountability

The CD Committee is a committee of, and accountable to, the Council of Rideau Park United Church. The CD Committee Chair(s) report to the Council, as necessary, on policy issues and upcoming events.

Responsibilities General

1. To implement and support programs which promote Christian development, whether for Children, Youth, Families or Adult Groups.
2. To prepare in collaboration with the finance Committee a budget for approval by RPUC Congregation and ensure that this budget will support the programs initiated and planned by the Committee throughout the year. Note: the CD Committee budget is separate from the Sunday School budget.

Specific

1. Sunday School (Children)
 - To recruit Sunday School teachers and provide support and guidance to the teachers;
 - To provide teacher training as needed;
 - To evaluate the curriculum on an ongoing basis and determine whether it is meeting the needs of the children and the teachers;
 - To support summertime Vacation Bible School (Camp Awesome).
2. Youth and Young Adults
 - To support the youth and young adults of the church, our youth and young adult group leaders and to help encourage full youth participation and inclusion in the life and work of the congregation and the wider Church.
3. Adult Groups
 - To support activities promoting Christian development.
4. Family events
 - To suggest, plan and organize events that support families of the congregation; such as the Advent Happening Gingerbread house-making, the weekly Hear-Say potluck supper on choir nights, and the welcome back brunch.
5. Scouting
 - To encourage and support the activities of the 28th Ottawa Scouting Group sponsored by Rideau Park and the CD Committee; through events such as participation in Christian Development Committee, Remembrance Day services, Baden Powell Sunday or offering opportunities to assist at other church events.

Membership: The CD Committee is composed of members and adherents of the Congregation;

- The Chair is elected at the Annual Congregational meeting; usually for a term of three years;
- Vice Chair – to be named after Chair has served two years, to prepare to take over Chair's position;
- Scouting Liaison – to act as the Liaison with the 28th Ottawa Scouting Group and the congregation of Rideau Park.

Frequency of Meetings:

The Committee will meet approximately 3 times a year from late August to June, and as required. Beyond meetings, the committee will share and meet digitally as needed.