

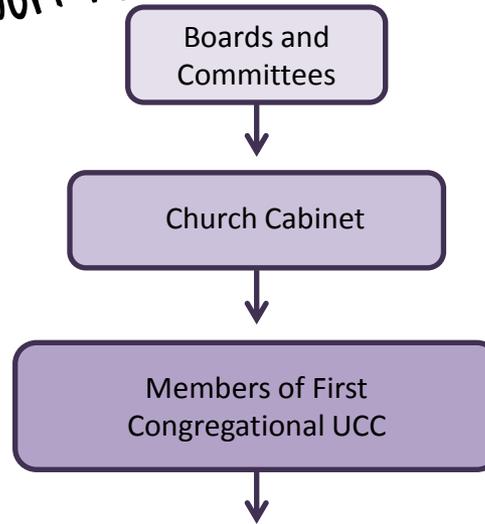
# TWO big QUESTIONS\*

1 What are you most passionate about in this world?

2 How can we, as a faith community, help you live into that passion?

*\* We shamelessly stole these questions from the Rev. Michael Piazza, a UCC pastor who is pretty great.*

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## OUR MISSION

To love and accept others unconditionally as God loves and accepts us, and by example, to encourage others to do the same. To challenge ourselves to grow spiritually through worship, education, nurture, reflection, discussion, fellowship, and outreach. To minister to others locally, nationally, and globally with the same fervor as we minister to ourselves, through the sharing of our talents, gifts, and resources.

## OUR FOUNDATION:

*God's unconditional love*

You can read our Constitution and Bylaws at [uccmanhattan.org/about](http://uccmanhattan.org/about)



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join us.

**The Board of Trustees** is charged with taking care of our physical and financial resources. Trustees sponsor two outside work days each year and they also recruit people to care for the grounds in the summer and shovel the walks in the winter. They review our financial situation on a monthly basis.

**The Board of Christian Education** works closely with our Director of Children's Ministries and Director of Youth Ministries to provide opportunities for Christian formation for children, youth, and adults. They work to set goals for educational programs as well as recruit, train, and support our teachers.

**The Board of Mission** is charged with promoting the wider missions of the United Church of Christ and also with local acts of service. This Board oversees the Second Helping ministry of the church, ensuring we continue to serve a free community meal each Sunday night.

**The Board of Deacons** serves the spiritual life of the church, coordinating closely with the pastor on matters relating to worship, and the care of members. For example, the Deacons take communion to those who are unable to attend a service, and they also arrange for helping hands for those who have extraordinary needs. The Deacons also coordinate volunteers for Sunday morning (ushers, readers, communion servers, greeters, fellowship hour, etc.)

**The Vitality & Outreach Committee** tells our story to the wider world, encouraging people to come and experience God's unrelenting love in this place. They help us work for social justice, supporting ongoing commitments and encouraging new initiatives. V&O also helps welcome and connect new people to our congregation.

**The Nominating Committee** matches our passions and skills with the work of our church. They create the slate of officers that we elect at our congregational meeting each fall.

**The Pastoral Relations Committee** meets on a quarterly basis with the pastor in a confidential setting. This group is charged with promoting communication and understanding between the pastor and the congregation.

**The Stewardship Committee** encourages us to think seriously about the spiritual practice of giving. They gather our commitments of financial support each fall during the Stewardship Campaign.

**The Gifts, Investments, & Endowments Committee** cares for our investments and accepts bequests and other financial gifts to the church.

**Something else?** We aren't bound by these groups....if there's something else you feel called to do, speak up!

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO REACH YOU?

WHAT INTERESTS YOU?

You can turn this form into the church office, e-mail your answers to [office@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:office@uccmanhattan.org), or place it in the offering plate