

PASTORAL CARE TEAM (PCT) MEMBER

Position Description and Application

Purpose of the Position:

To assist ministers in providing pastoral in various situations and maintaining contact with those in our Fellowship community who need special attention.

Responsibilities:

- Listen compassionately to those who need a pastoral presence.
- Care for people without trying (or feeling a responsibility) to fix them and their problems!
- Check in with people (usually via phone or email) to see how they are doing and if they need support.
- Report back to ministers about connections made, stories told, and needs outstanding.
- Attend monthly reflection meetings and initial training.
- Be available to ministers via email and phone; read/listen and respond to messages within 36 hours (excepting vacations and other unusual, occasional circumstances).
- Refer pastoral care recipients to minister(s) and/or professional crisis assistance as necessary and appropriate.
- Attend worship service(s) regularly to serve as a chaplain afterward for those who wish to connect pastorally.

Qualifications:

PCT members will have good boundaries and open, compassionate spirits. They will be able and willing to communicate, including reaching out to those they don't yet know. PCT members are expected to maintain strict confidentiality. They will be willing to ask for help or support. They will be reliable with excellent follow through skills! In order to promote a Fellowship culture of safety, we perform confidential basic background checks on PCT members. All PCT members are required to attend a one day training, likely scheduled for the weekend of August 17-18, 2019. Details TBD.

Amount of Time Required:

PCT members typically devote about ten hours a month to this role. Occasional training might be scheduled additionally.

Length of Commitment:

Two years, with the possibility of renewal, starting in August 2019

Training and Support Provided by:

The ministers, with Rev. Leah Hart-Landsberg in the lead.

Responsible to:

Rev. Leah, with Rev. Christina made available in their absence.

Title:

Pastoral Care Team Member or Lay Minister.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEMBER APPLICATION

Name:

Email address:

Phone number:

1) Why would you like to be a member of the Pastoral Care Team?

2) Do you have experience deeply listening? If so, please briefly describe:

3) What, if any, spiritual practices do you have?

4) What are your most significant core ethical, spiritual and/or religious beliefs?

Return to Rev. Leah at leah@fvuuf.org or the Fellowship office.