

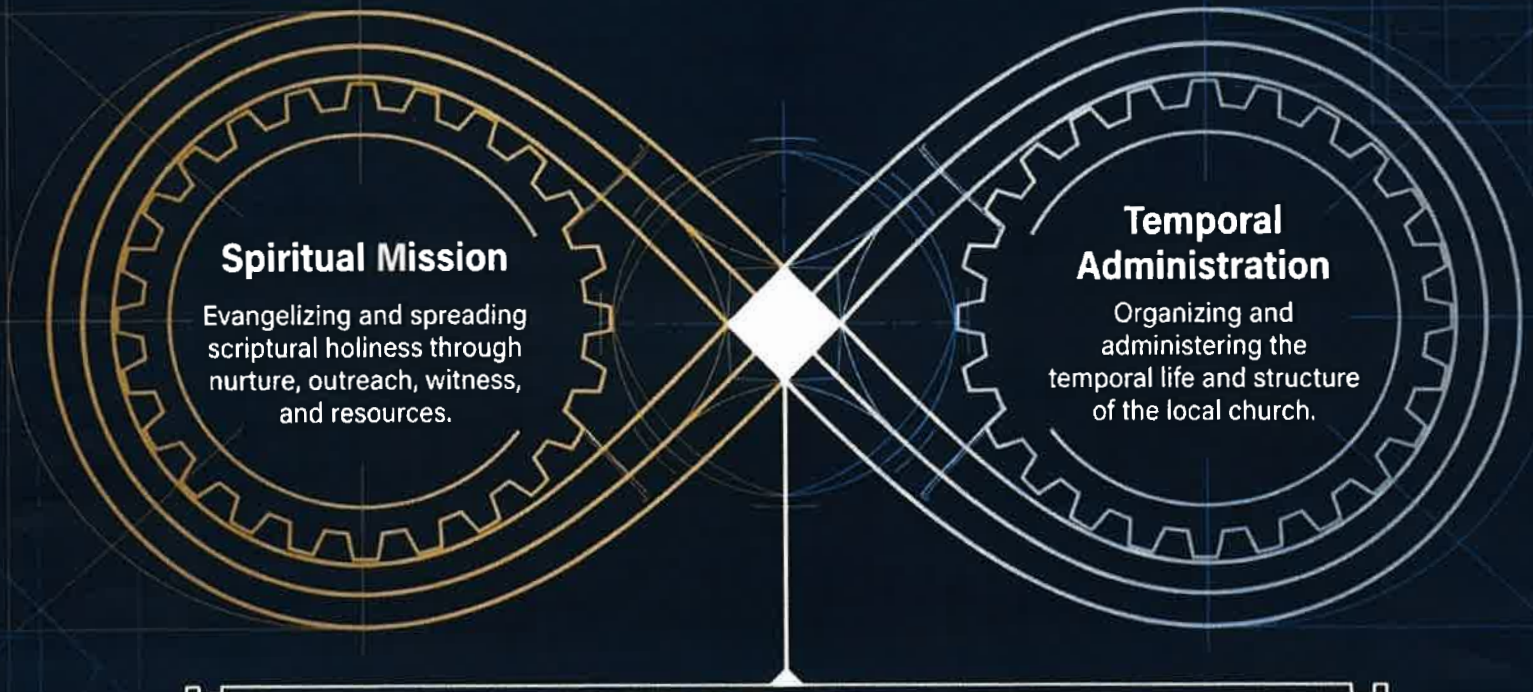
The Architecture of Mission

Equipping the Local Church Council for Spiritual and Temporal Leadership

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Grounded strictly in BODD ¶ 443

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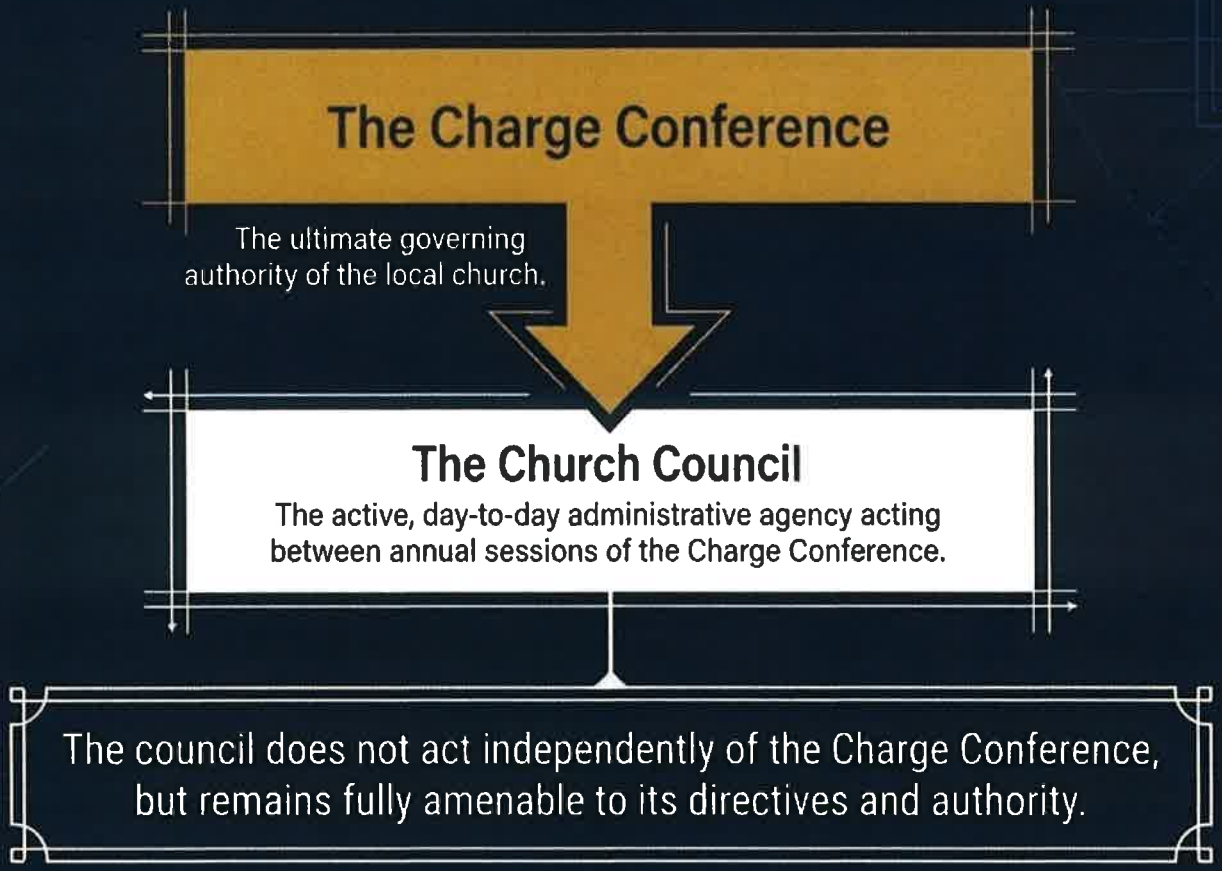
The council unites our spiritual mission with our temporal administration



The council is mandated to **envision, plan, implement,** and **annually evaluate** the mission and ministry of the church.

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The council functions as the administrative agency of the Charge Conference



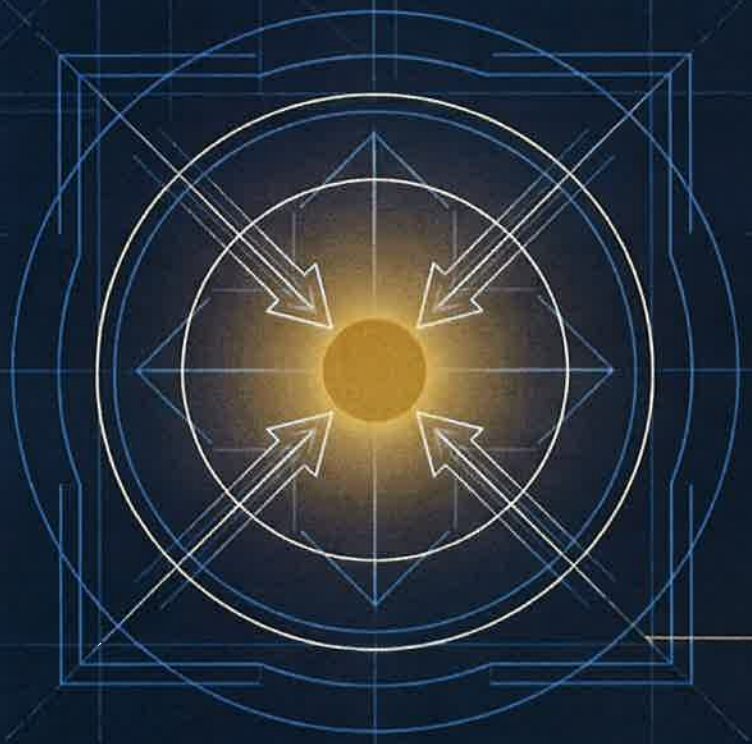
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Four pillars uphold the mandate to spread scriptural holiness



Pillar I: Nurturing ministries form and care for the congregation

The nurturing ministries of the congregation give attention to the internal spiritual health and formation of the church body.



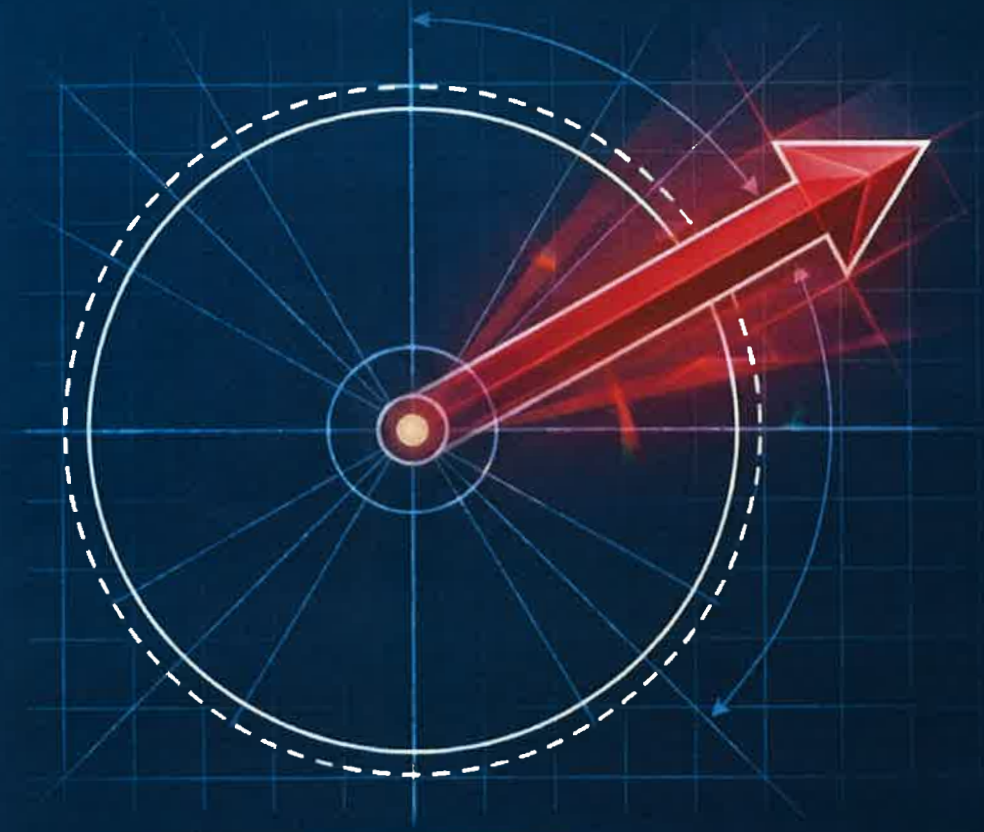
1	**Spiritual Growth** Education, worship, Christian formation, and small groups.
2	**Care & Commitment** Membership care and stewardship.

Attention must be given to the needs of individuals and families of all ages.

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Pillar II: Outreach ministries extend compassion to the broader world

The outreach ministries of the church direct our focus outward to both the local community and the larger world.



Compassion

Meeting immediate physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

Justice

Addressing systemic brokenness and advocating for righteousness.

Advocacy

Standing in the gap for the vulnerable.

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Pillar III: Witness ministries publicly share the story of Christ

Witness ministries focus on developing and strengthening our public expressions of faith in Jesus Christ.



Evangelistic Efforts

Proactive initiatives to share the Gospel.

Storytelling

Sharing both personal and congregational stories of Christian experience, faith, faith, and service.

Communications

The strategic messaging of the church to the public.

Certified Lay Ministers

Deploying equipped laypersons to lead and witness in specific ministry contexts.

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Pillar IV: Leadership development equips both laity and clergy

The leadership development and resourcing ministries ensure the church never outgrows its capacity to lead.



The Mandate

Provide ongoing preparation and development for the ministry of the church.

The Scope

Lay Leaders

Clergy Leaders

The council must resource the continuous growth of both.

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The council requires a minimum of eight actively engaged leaders

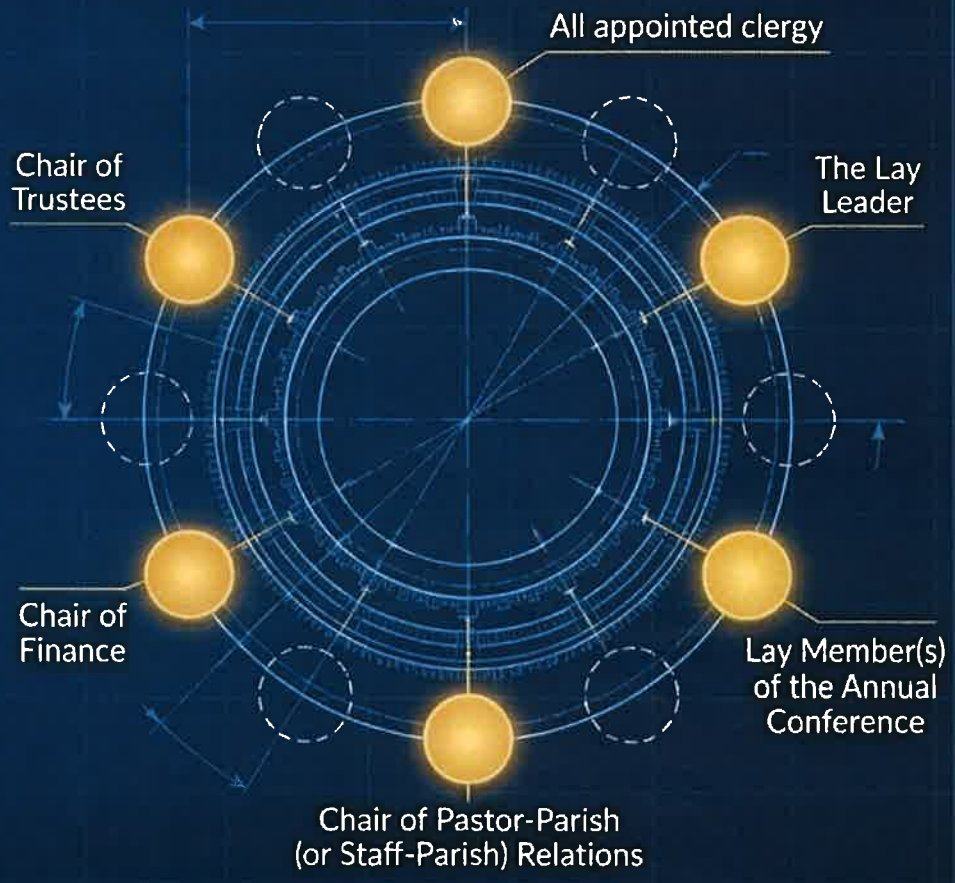
Size & Qualification

Size

May consist of as few as 8 persons, or as many as the Charge Conference deems appropriate.

Qualification

Every member must be actively involved in the mission and ministry of the congregation.



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Meetings demand a quarterly rhythm and a commitment to presence

Must meet at least quarterly.

Special meetings may be called by either the Chairperson or the Pastor.



What constitutes a quorum?

The members present and voting at any duly announced meeting constitute a quorum.

Authority is granted to those who show up, making clear, transparent communication of meeting dates absolutely critical.

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Decisions are built on a Holy Spirit-driven consensus model



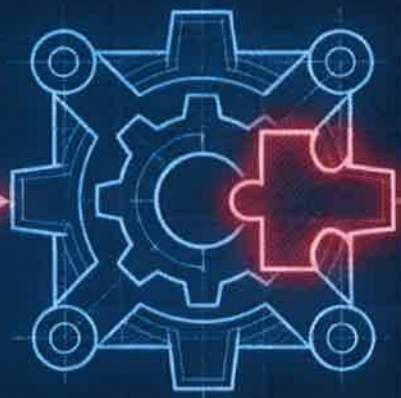
The council holds authority over membership and interim vacancies



Membership Rolls

The Duty: Review the membership of the local church.

The Purpose: Ensuring the church has an accurate, spiritually accountable understanding of its flock.

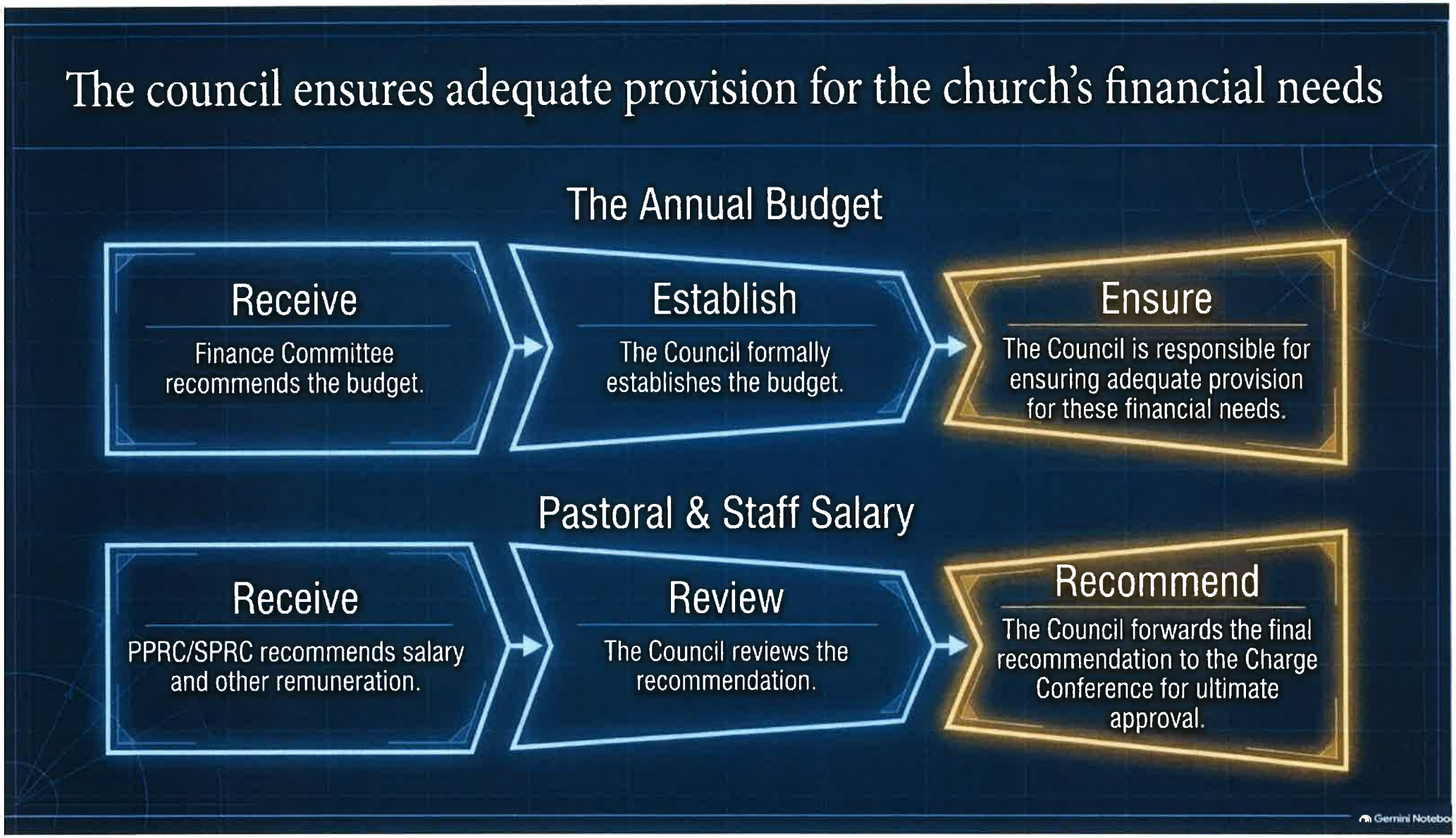


Interim Vacancies

The Duty: Fill vacancies occurring among the lay officers of the church.

The Scope: This authority applies strictly to the interim period between sessions of the annual Charge Conference, ensuring leadership gaps do not stall the church's mission.

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The council ensures adequate provision for the church's financial needs
The Annual Budget
Receive
Finance Committee recommends the budget.
Establish
The Council formally establishes the budget.
Ensure
The Council is responsible for ensuring adequate provision for these financial needs.
Pastoral & Staff Salary
Receive
PPRC/SPRC recommends salary and other remuneration.
Review
The Council reviews the recommendation.
Recommend
The Council forwards the final recommendation to the Charge Conference for ultimate approval.

Administration is the temporal vessel for our eternal mission



Step into this council not just as board members,
but as the master builders of this local church's mission.

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