

Deansboro Congregational United Church of Christ

Dear members and friends: The church council has been discussing the pastoral leadership since Mr. Townsend retired. There are many different ways in which a leader, ordained or lay, might contribute to the strengthening of our church. A few responsibilities that may be aspects of pastoral leadership are listed below. Clearly, one person can't do all of them, especially since we are contemplating only being able to support a part-time leader. The council invites you to consider these prayerfully and to rank them in terms of their importance to you. In the left hand column write number "1" for the most important, "2" for the second and so on. Please feel free to enter what is not listed and what you would like in terms of pastoral leadership in the blank below and on the back.

	Participate in coffee hours, dinners, sales and the like
	Participate in women's fellowship meetings
	Participate in Church council meetings
	Assist with the formation and activities of ministry groups such as worship, outreach and congregational care.
	Hospital visits
	Home visits, especially to shut ins.
	Assist with ministry to children, including Sunday School
	Holy Communion
	Baptisms
	Funerals
	Weddings
	Assist with developing vision and planning, short and long-term
	Worship leadership
	Preaching
	Teaching
	Equip members for their ministries
	Lead Bible study
	Be involved in the community and community groups
	Get to know members
	Get to know the church, its history, traditions and background
	Call on members who do not worship regularly
	Call on newly arrived people in the community

Bring your completed form to church, mail it to Deansboro Congregational UCC, PO Box 276, Deansboro, NY 13328, or hand it to a member of the church council. If you wish to remain anonymous, you may do so. If you would like to receive a summary of responses, please write your name and address on the back of the paper. Thank you for your contribution to the discussion of the future of pastoral leadership for our congregation.