

## Chapel Hill Fellowship

### Congregational Care Minister Requirements

#### Biblical and Theological Requirements for Servings as Congregational Care Minister

Because Congregational Care Ministers (CCMs) will be partnering with pastors to offer some of the care previously done only by a pastor, it is important that these persons have basic theological and biblical training and that they are well-versed in the culture and DNA of Chapel Hill.

CCMs must have completed:

- Chapel Hill 101

CCMs must demonstrate experience with:

- A small group Bible study that meets outside of Sunday morning worship experience

Within the first two years of serving as a CCM, CCMs must complete 2 of the following 4 classes offered at Chapel Hill for theological and spiritual formation:

- Methodism 101
- Spiritual Gifts Assessment/Strengths Finder or an equivalent class
- Emotionally Healthy Spirituality
- One of Father Terry's classes

#### Additional Practical Trainings for Serving as CCMs

In order to be eligible to serve as a CCM, successful completion of and certification in the Safe Gatherings training is required. Safe Gatherings conducts national background checks and provides training on how to appropriately work with children, youth, and vulnerable adults (including the elderly or sick). Complete the training at: <http://www.greatplainsumc.org/safegatherings>

In addition, all CCMs should complete a Congregational Care Minister's Training Course through Chapel Hill. This course includes information on prayer, theology of care, hospital visits, boundaries, listening, ministry to the frail and dying, and organization/record keeping.

#### Expectations for Spiritual Leaders

CCMs must be active members of Chapel Hill, fulfilling expectations of our members: attending worship, participation in a small group or some other form of Christian discipleship, serving God with their time in the ministry of the church, and giving financially.

As leaders in this ministry, we set the tone and pace for the entire congregation. We shape the heart, character, and life of this Christian community. For this reason, it is vital that we walk the Christian walk. Spiritual healthy leaders will produce a spiritually healthy church. With this in mind, CCMs will be required to agree to and sign a Volunteer Leader Covenant.