

Description of Councils

Arts, Campus and Gardens (ACG) – Three Open Positions

The mission of Arts, Campus and Gardens Council is to create and maintain an environment that encourages the Pax Christi community to flourish and grow.

- Stewards Pax Christi's 25-acre campus, paths, pond, pollinator habitat and solar gardens. Uses best practices in land use. Maintains all Pax Christi physical facilities to ensure a safe, secure and peaceful environment.

Care and Support Council – Five Open Positions

The mission of the Care and Support ministry is to serve as a model and resource to individuals and families and to respond to their spiritual, emotional, physical, intellectual and social needs. We do so by striving to empower the people of God to share in pastoral ministry.

- Supports nine senior living communities in Eden Prairie.
- Offers accompaniment through Befrienders. (This is not a counseling program). Provides pastoral support, visits to the homebound, funeral planning and funeral hospitality.

Finance and Development Ministry Council – Two Open Positions

The Finance and Development Council provides financial advice regarding: The annual operating budget, long-term strategic plan, parish's investment portfolio, debt obligations, planned giving, bequests, long-term financial health, internal controls and communication of financial information.

Hospitality and Community Outreach Ministry Council – Five Open Positions

The mission of the Hospitality and Community Outreach Council is to create a sense of community and belonging through active fellowship, connecting ALL to God and one another.

The Hospitality and Community Outreach Council nurtures an atmosphere of hospitality that actively and graciously invites and welcomes all, building relationships that create an inclusive culture. Hospitality supports a wide range of activities and events throughout the Pax Christi community.

Justice Ministry Council- Six Open Positions

The mission of the Justice Ministry Council is to discern the most pressing needs of people and planet and utilize Pax Christi's resources to promote the dignity of the marginalized and change the forces and structures that create injustice.

The Justice Ministry Council serves and speaks for the marginalized, acts as a catalyst for the work of social justice, educates the community, teaches Catholic Social Teaching, provides community members with opportunities to serve in Justice and Outreach Ministries, and provides leadership and vision for the Justice Grants Board.

Justice and Outreach Ministries include:

- Twelve Baskets Ministry, PROP, Justice Speaker Series, Giving Garden. Loaves and Fishes.
- Habitat for Humanity, Environmental Action Team and Land Acknowledgement Team.

Justice Grants Board (JGB) – Three Open Positions

The mission of the Justice Grants Board is to award a portion of yearly revenue to organizations providing solutions to local, national/or international social justice problems. The JGB will work both as a committee-of-the whole, and as individual contacts with grant recipients.

Lay Leadership Development and Engagement Council – LLDE - Five Open Positions

The mission of LLDE is to support Pax Christi’s commitment to collegial parish leadership affirm, cultivate and strengthen community leaders for collaborative leadership in the parish and ministries.

- Leads and organizes *A Calling to Leadership* in collaboration with Pax Christi leadership, Pastor Councils and staff. *A Calling to Leadership* is the spring recruitment campaign for Council members and JGB.
- Makes Pax Christi Lay Leadership Grants. Updates content when needed.

Lifelong Faith Formation Ministry Council – LLFF – Five Open Positions

The mission of LLFF is to nourish spiritual hunger within all members of the parish community by providing a broad range of faith formation opportunities, thus deepening the Eucharistic celebration experience and strengthening the faith of all parish households.

Lifelong Faith Formation offers sacramental preparation, RCIA, retreats, and speaker series. LLFF offers spiritual development for children through adults. Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW), Faith Formation, K-5 program, Middle School, and Senior High Youth. There is an annual summer Vacation Bible Camp, Middle School Youth Service Opportunities, and Youth social activities. College professors teach Women with Spirit Bible Study annually. Wine, Women and Spirit nights build fellowship for women in the community.

Worship Ministry Council – Four Open Positions

The Worship Council fosters Pax Christi Catholic Community’s praise of God and service to the world by calling forth the community’s gifts of word, song, hospitality an environment to guide preparation of our worship with the hope of inspiring all to joyfully live the Gospel.

Worship at Pax Christi includes weekend liturgies, daily Mass, holy days, sacraments, and community celebrations. The worship team prepares the liturgical environment. Worship encompasses choirs, cantors, and musicians. Worship collaborates on technology for online Masses, funerals, and events.