## Councils in Action

# Consider how you may be called to Council Leadership at Pax Christi. "Be the Change You Want to See"

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#### ARTS, CAMPUS, AND GARDENS COUNCIL

**Scope:** Steward the campus of Pax Christi including: 25-acres, walking paths, gardens, labyrinth, solar panels, pollinator habitat, sanctuary, chapel, gym, nursery, and sacred art to support flourishing ministries.

**Accomplishments:** Restored pollinator habitat for butterflies and bees. Installed solar panels on campus to generate energy and reduce the Pax Christi carbon footprint. Hosted Art Exhibit featuring members' artwork. Worked with the Shared Ministry Team to maintain campus: painting, repairing, cleaning, and planting gardens.



#### **CARE AND SUPPORT COUNCIL**

**Scope:** The Pax Christi Care and Support Ministry extends God's love and mercy to all through a holistic model of care for the mind, body, and spirit. Care and Support offers over a dozen ministries including Twelve Baskets collections, Funeral Hospitality, and Burgundy Bag Food Drive.

**Accomplishments:** Planned and hosted the first Parish Wellness Day, implemented the nationally recognized Befriender Ministry, and led the Wounded Body of Christ Listening Session.



#### COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL

**Scope:** Communications is a new Council at Pax Christi, founded in fall 2019. Council members bring together many talent areas to tell the story of Pax Christi. We are writers, editors, event planners, marketers, storytellers, communicators, and connectors. We offer advice about the best ways to get the "word out" and help build the Pax Christi "brand."

**Accomplishments:** Collaborated on the redesign of the SERVE. Provided video production and marketing for Pax Christi ministries.



#### FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

**Scope:** Provides strategic vision, and collaborates with Pax Christi leadership to steward the financial resources of the community with transparency and "best practices" to ensure flourishing ministries.

**Accomplishments:** Shifted our investment portfolio to improve our investment performance. Provided support for major capital projects such as the solar energy project. Operated in the "black" for over a decade. Received the Archdiocesan Stewie Award for the Pax Christi Endowment Fund with the FIT. (2019)

#### HOSPITALITY AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH COUNCIL

**Scope:** Builds community by offering welcome, hospitality, and fellowship. Hospitality creates a culture of belonging and inclusion where **All Are Welcome**.

**Accomplishments:** The Hospitality and Community Outreach Ministry offers Sunday Hospitality, collaborates on community and cultural celebrations, and honors shared ministers at the January Jamboree. The Hospitality Ministry works with the Boy Scouts, Boomers, Christmas Tea and Boutique Committees, Cana Dinner, and Mom's ROCK to build community at Pax Christi.



#### **JUSTICE COUNCIL**

**Scope:** The Justice Ministry works to address the most pressing needs in society, educates the community on issues related to poverty and justice, and serves as a catalyst for building a more justice and equitable society. The work is grounded in the gospel and Catholic Social Teaching.

**Accomplishments:** Organized Justice Action Teams and planted a Giving Garden for PROP. Administered Justice Grants with the Pax Christi Justice Grant's Board. Convened spacious community conversations.



#### LAY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND ENGAGEMENT COUNCIL

**Scope:** Inspiring, recruiting, and onboarding Lay Leadership at Pax Christi for Councils and Ministries. Award Lay Leadership Grants to members of Pax Christi. Collaborated with councils on **A Calling to Leadership**.

**Accomplishments:** Collaborated with Marketing and staff to redesign the SERVE. Collaborated with Marketing to redesign and rebrand **A Calling to Leadership** process. Approved four Lay Leadership Grant proposals. Co-facilitated with Lifelong Faith Formation the four-week class on Vatican II.



### LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION COUNCIL

**Scope:** LLFC is committed to providing a wide range of faith formation experiences for people throughout their lives. The program welcomes all to grow in their faith and develop community within Pax Christi.

**Accomplishments:** The Wine, Women, and Scripture event had a sold-out crowd of 100 women gather for an evening of fellowship. In 2019 the Men's Ministry launched. Its goal is to share faith and build community. LLFC offers classes, small groups, book studies, and engages youth.



#### **WORSHIP COUNCIL**

**Scope:** Creates joyful music and liturgies so members of the Pax Christi community can experience God's love and mercy. Inspires spiritual transformation, peace, and love with Christ-centered liturgies.

**Accomplishments:** Pax Christi offers opportunities for its members to celebrate liturgy with the Bell Choir, Ensemble, or Choir. Youth share their gifts, too. There are four liturgies every weekend to deepen the spiritual lives of members. Pax Christi holds interfaith events and cultural celebrations.

