Prior to Covid, Reveille’s Church Council issued brief reports to the congregation following each of its meetings. At the Council meeting on March 26, a proposal to resume the Council Column was approved by consensus. Council members hope you find the following update helpful and informative.

The Council approved the Nominations and Leadership Development Committee’s nominees to fill the three open positions on the Nominations Committee. Rick Farmer will serve a one-year term, and Anita Fluker and Kathy Rainey will serve three-year terms.

A proposal from the Board of Trustees to allocate up to $50,000 from the Wilkinson bequest to fund exterior projects to improve accessibility and safety on the church campus was approved by consensus. These projects include repair or replacement of sidewalks and brick walkways. The Wilkinson bequest was received from the estate of Cynthia Wilkinson in 2020 and is designated to enhance accessibility of church property.

The Council also had an in-depth discussion about likely changes for our denomination following the United Methodist General Conference (April 23-May 3) where legislation will be considered on a wide range of topics including regionalization, human sexuality, and budget. The Council’s discussion centered on congregational awareness and developing a plan of action for Reveille following General Conference. An informational meeting is being planned for early May to provide an overview of General Conference outcomes to the congregation. The Council also empowered the Welcome and Inclusion Team to lead a task force to engage in discussions and develop a plan to better welcome and minister to the LGBTQ+ faith community at Reveille. Explore General Conference resources at [www.vaumc.org/gc2024/](http://www.vaumc.org/gc2024/).

The Council is focused on maintaining accountability to Reveille’s vision of welcoming all people to follow Jesus Christ and serve together as a hub of faith, hope, and action. Highlights from our vision team progress reports include:

- Welcome and Inclusion will be gathering input from members representing all life stages and a variety of ministry areas to better inform the redesign plans for the welcome center and adjacent spaces.
- The Hub Team is creating goals for our developing ministry with The Pace Center and working to on new outreach and community engagement opportunities such as serving at Fonticello Food Forest and our Monument Avenue 10k Moving with the Spirit Team.
- The Discipleship Team now includes staff and representatives from the four age-level councils working together to enhance our discipleship program for all ages.
- The Worship Team is seeking members to help lead the group that decorates our worship spaces for special Sundays and seasons. Please contact Worship Chair Mel Ely for more information.

If you have questions or feedback, please contact a Church Council member. For a list of Council members and other administrative leaders, visit [www.reveilleumc.org/leadership](http://www.reveilleumc.org/leadership).