

Visitation and Care Team

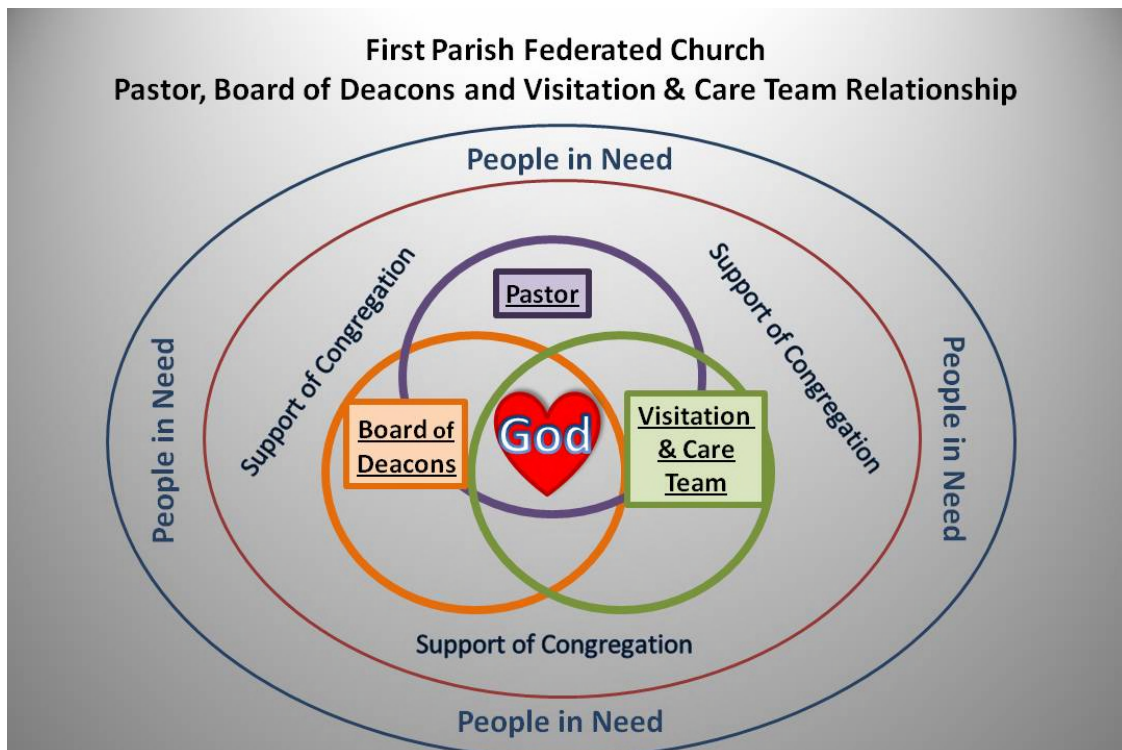
The Visitation and Care Team, also referred to as the VCT, came about when a few people attending a bible study mentioned that they were interested in visiting, making phone calls or sending cards to people who might be shut-ins, who are ill, or for joyful times, such as birthdays and other celebrations.

In 2007, several members of the Congregation formed a group for this very purpose. After many suggested names by the group and much thought, the group decided on ***The Visitation and Care Team***.

Vision Statement

Our vision for the Team is to provide Pastoral Care and support to the First Parish Federated Church and our community by means of visiting, sending cards and making phone calls, or any combination of these actions. Every member of our congregation should feel cared for, important to the Church, and not alone. We will communicate and work closely with Reverend Donna and the Board of Deacons.

The VCT's Relationship to Other Care-givers in the Church



Explanation

God is the center. God is the one who gives us our gifts and leads us in the direction which has been chosen for us. God loves us and wants us to take care of each other.

Pastor

The Pastor is the one who leads our spiritual growth. Reverend Donna is the main caregiver of our Church. The circle has been used to signify continuity and never-ending care.

Board of Deacons

The Deacons prepare the Sanctuary for Worship and work with Reverend Donna to care for the Congregation. Each Deacon is given a “care list” and is responsible for the care of the people on that list. You can see that this circle intersects with the circle of the Pastor.

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As mentioned in the Vision Statement, the VCT works closely with Reverend Donna and the Board of Deacons. Notice on the chart how the two lower circles are connected and are both connected to the circle of the Pastor.

The Deacons and the VCT, using the same “care list”, work together to care for the Congregation. Both meet monthly and report to Reverend Donna. It is the responsibility of the Deacons and the VCT to be sure Reverend Donna is aware of any need that we find.

Support of the Congregation

People in the Congregation support Reverend Donna, the Board of Deacons and the VCT by making visits, phoning people, and/or sending cards. (*A lot of people like sending cards.*) Others make prayer shawls and other items for Hannah’s Closet, and deliver Meals on Wheels.

Other ways might include baking something for a visitor to take along—or to take when you make a visit yourself. There are many other ministries.

People in Need

This section could be a lot larger than it is on the chart. There is **so much need out there!** It’s all around us... and the number is getting larger all the time.

And, through all of this...God is in the center. **God is always** in the center.