

*Sleepy Hollow United Methodist Church*  
**2010 Church Council Organization & Structure**

BE IT RESOLVED that the CHURCH COUNCIL of Sleepy Hollow United Methodist Church (SHUMC) will be formed for 2010 to take on the duties and responsibilities formerly carried by the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), the Finance Committee, and the Board of Trustees, as per *The Book of Discipline* (BOD) ¶243 and ¶244.2.

*BOD ¶243. Primary Tasks—The local church shall be organized so that it can pursue its primary task and mission in the context of its own community—reaching out and receiving with joy all who will respond; encouraging people in their relationship with God and inviting them to commitment to God’s love in Jesus Christ; providing opportunities for them to seek strengthening and growth in spiritual formation; and supporting them to live lovingly and justly in the power of the Holy Spirit as faithful disciples.*

*In carrying out its primary task, it shall be organized so that adequate provision is made for these basic responsibilities: (1) planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, and witness for persons and families within and without the congregation; (2) providing for effective pastoral and lay leadership; (3) providing for financial support, physical facilities, and the legal obligations of the church; (4) utilizing the appropriate relationships and resources of the district and annual conference; (5) providing for the proper creation, maintenance, and disposition of documentary record material of the local church; and (6) seeking inclusiveness in all aspects of its life.*

*BOD ¶244.2. Alternative plans may be developed in accordance with the provisions of ¶247.2. Such alternatives include: nurture, outreach, and witness ministries; administrative council; or administrative board/council on ministries.*

*BOD ¶247.2. The charge conference, the district superintendent, and the pastor shall organize and administer the pastoral charge and churches according to the policies and plans herein set forth. When the membership size, program scope, mission resources, or other circumstances so require, the charge conference may, in consultation with and upon the approval of the district superintendent, modify the organizational plans, provided that the provisions of ¶243 are observed.*

The CHURCH COUNCIL (hereafter called Council) shall include a minimum of 11 persons as defined by the Book of Discipline ¶252.5 and ¶244.2.

*BOD ¶252.5. Membership—The charge conference will determine the size of the church council. Members of the church council shall be involved in the mission and ministry of the congregation as defined in ¶252.2. The membership of the council may consist of as few as eleven persons or as many as the charge conference deems appropriate. The council shall include persons who represent the program ministries of the church as outlined in ¶243.*

The Council shall be organized and operate as shown on the following eleven (11) diagrams.

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Married or cohabitating partners shall not be on the Council during any same term.

The first term of the Finance Advocate, Treasurer, Staff-Parish Relations Advocate and Property Advocate shall be four (4) years. The first term of the Youth Education Advocate, Adult Education Advocate, both Outreach Advocates and the Witness Advocate shall be three (3) years. After these first terms, the terms of each of these nine advocates shall be three (3) years.

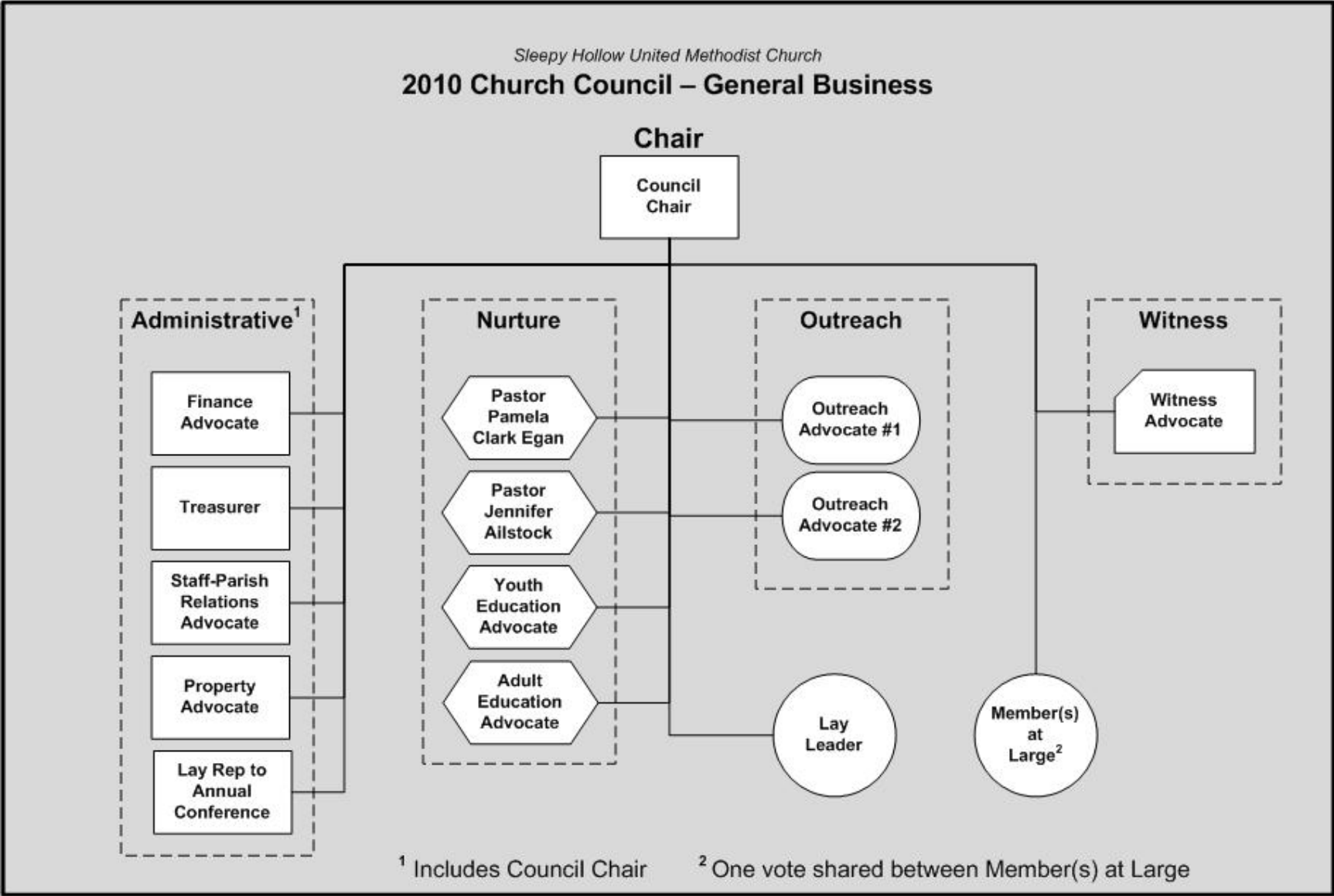
As per the BOD ¶251, the term of the Lay Leader, the Lay Representative to Annual Conference, and the Council Chair shall be one (1) year.

The term of the Member(s) at Large shall be one (1) year. No more than two (2) Members at Large shall be on Council. If two Members at Large are on Council, one (1) vote shall be shared between them.

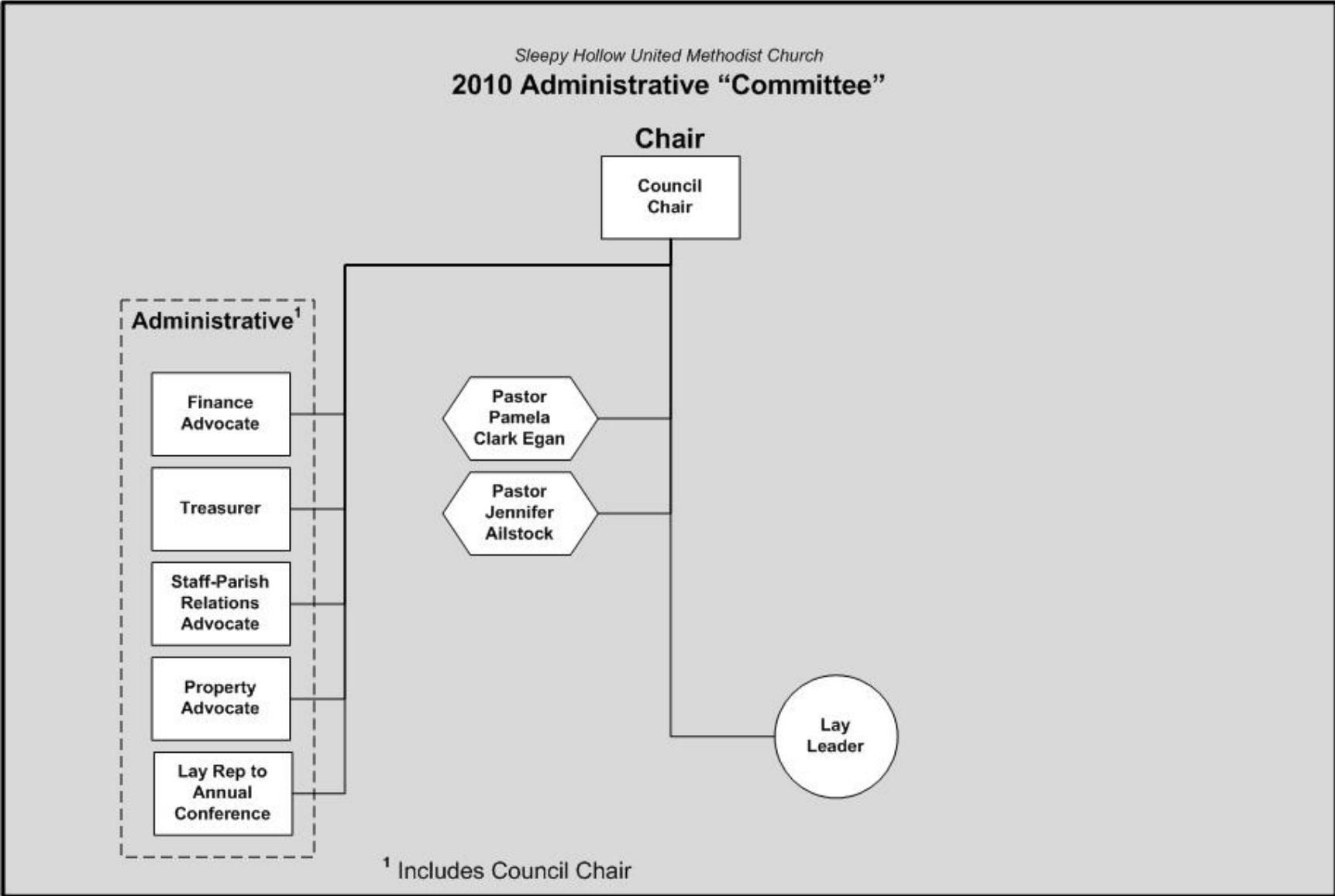
Members of the Council may be nominated for subsequent terms.

The CHURCH COUNCIL shall meet at least quarterly, with the members present and voting at any duly announced meeting constituting the quorum.

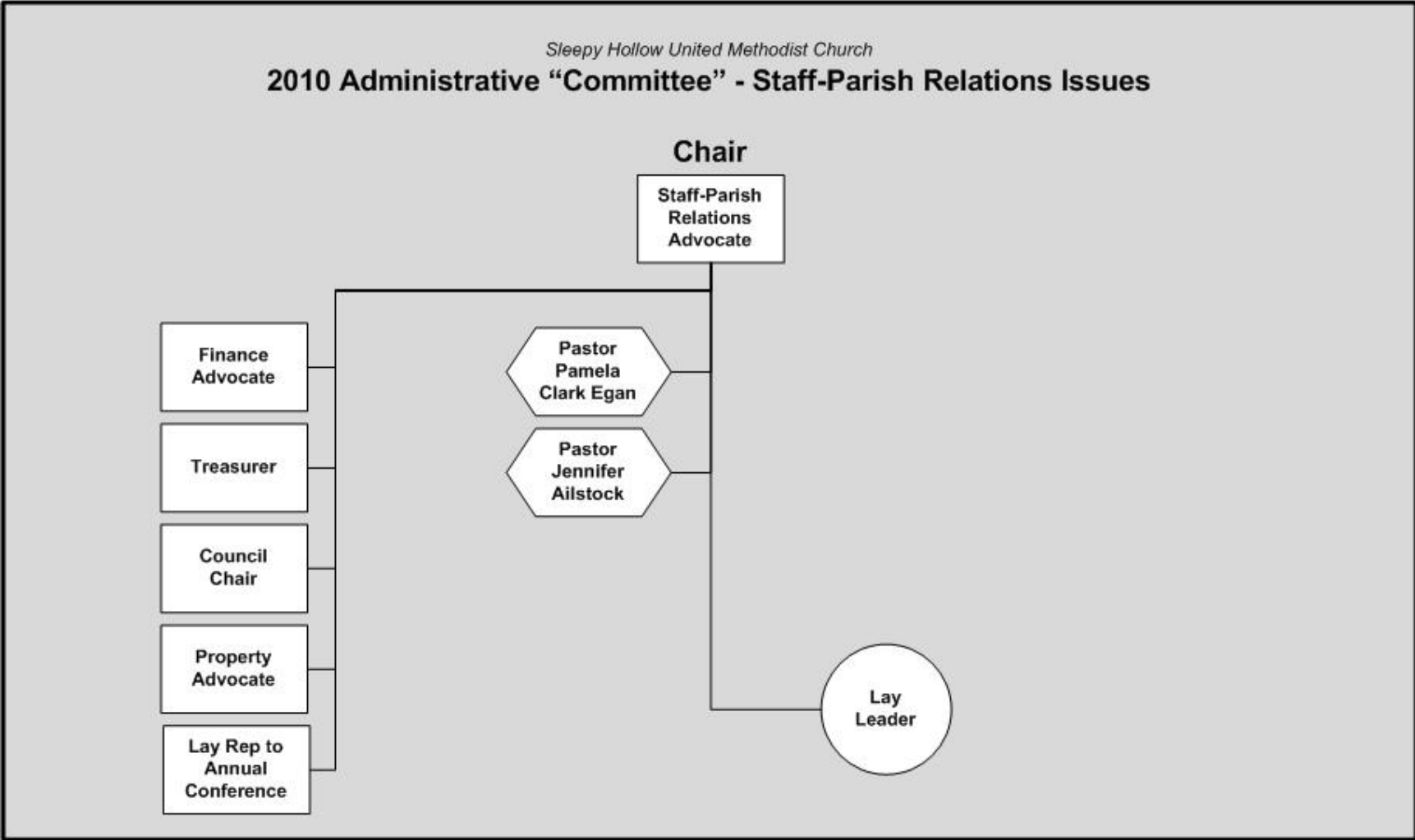
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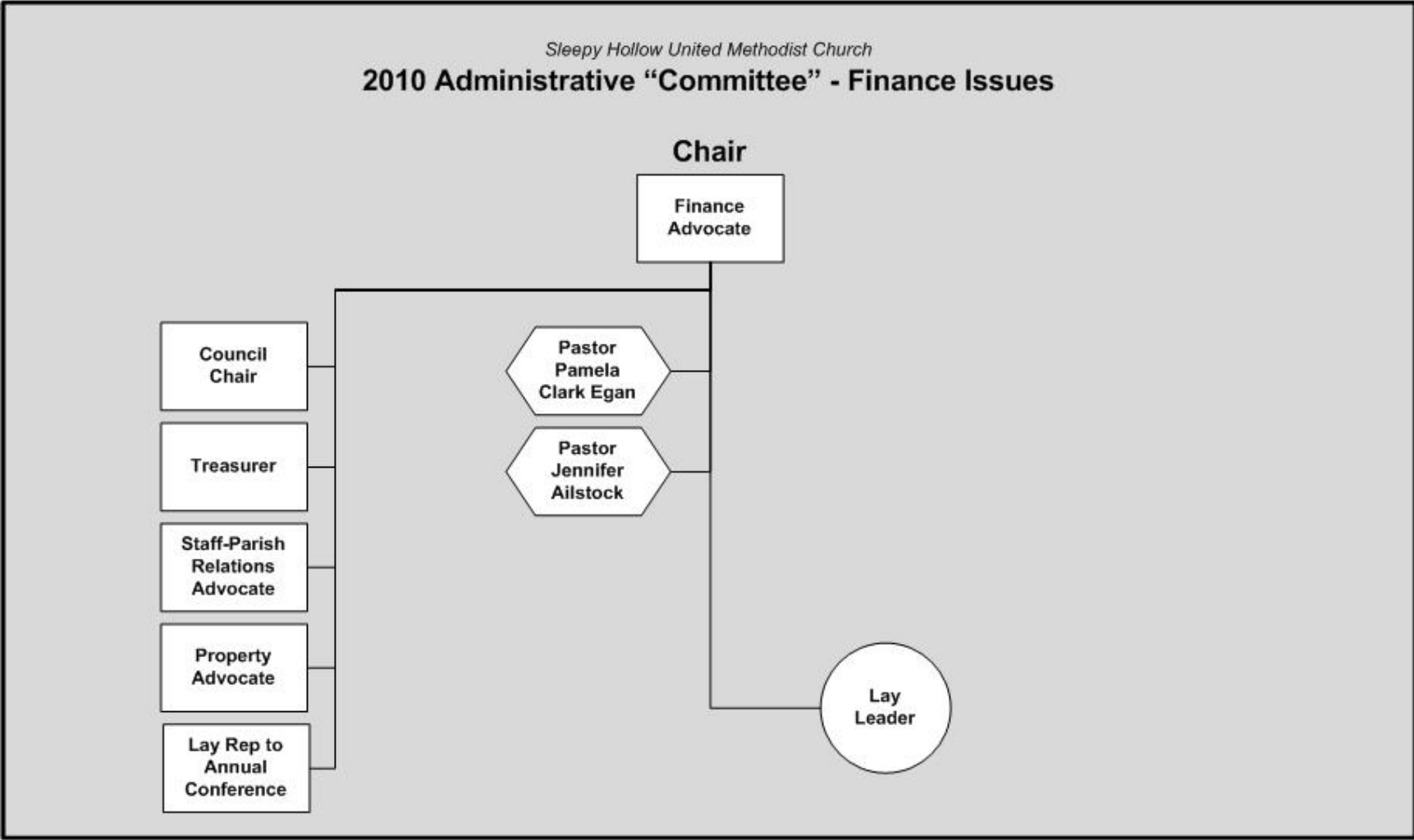
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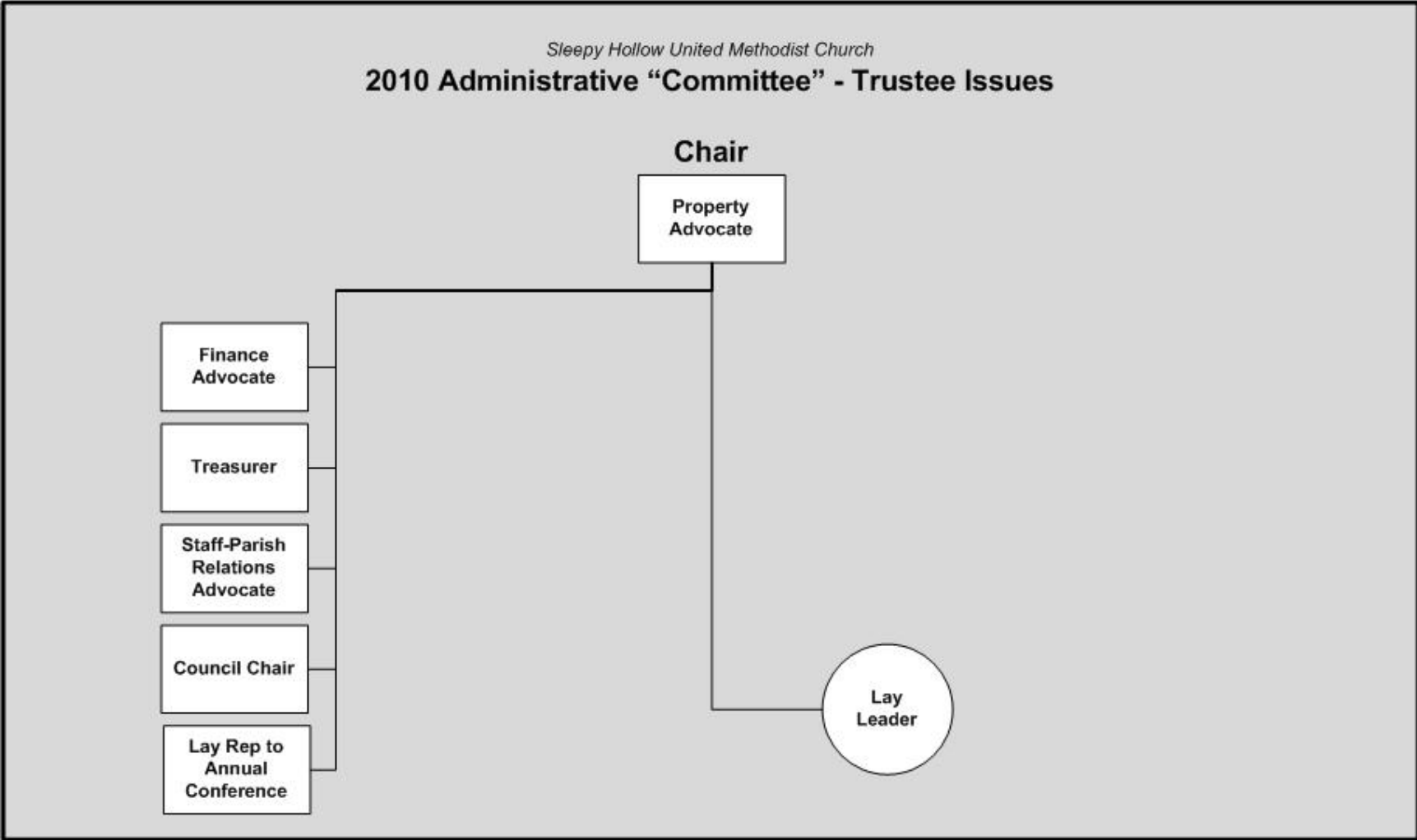
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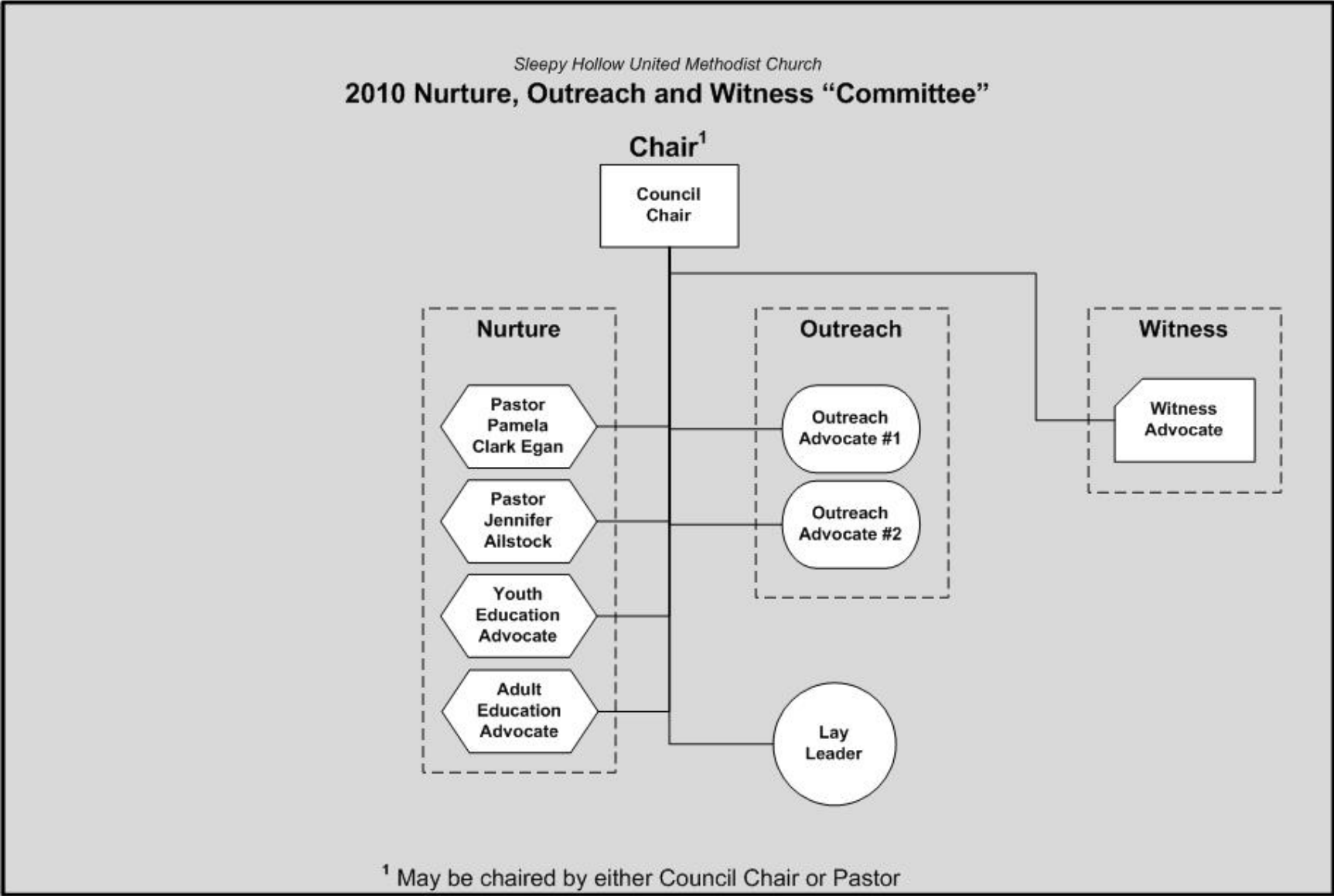
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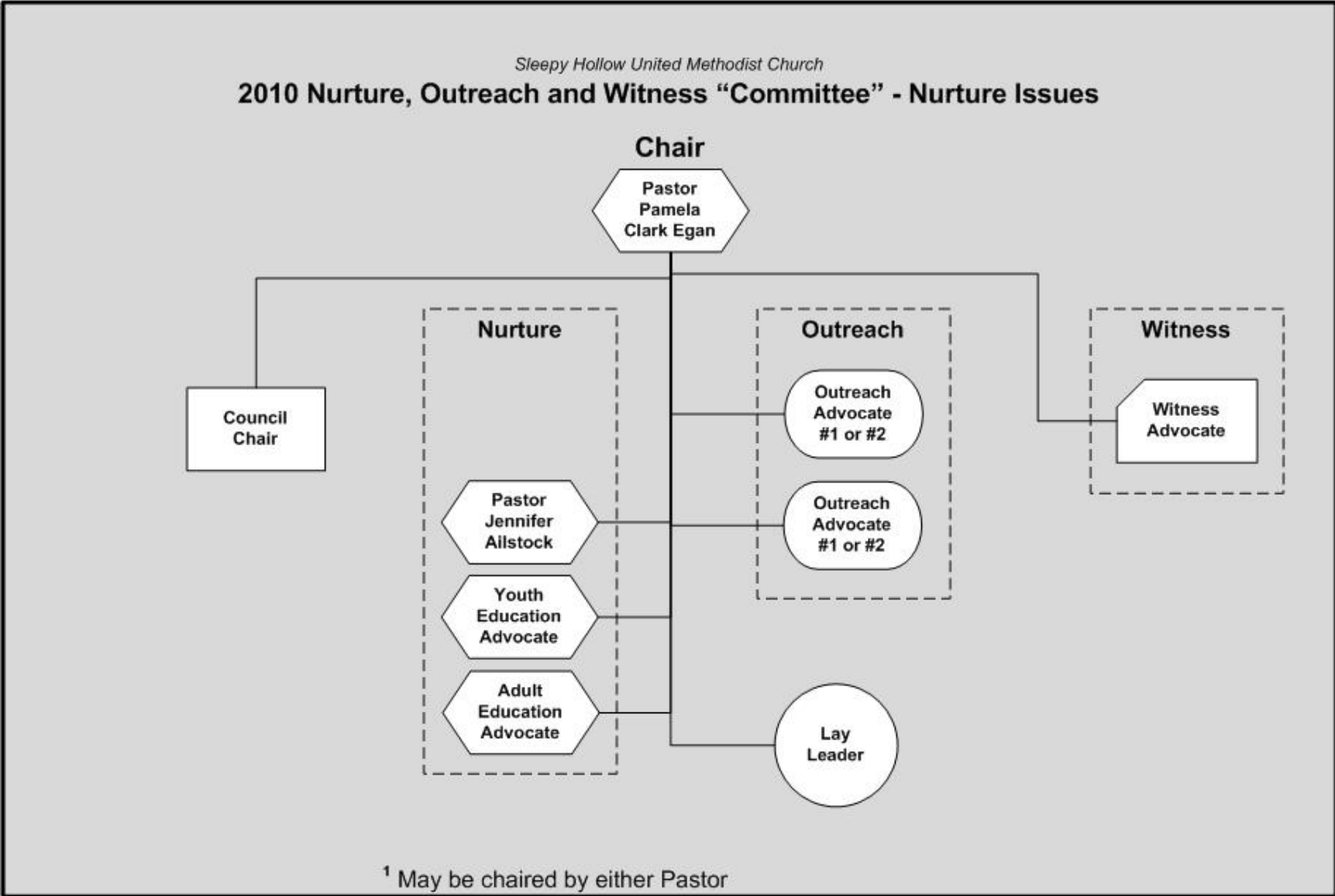


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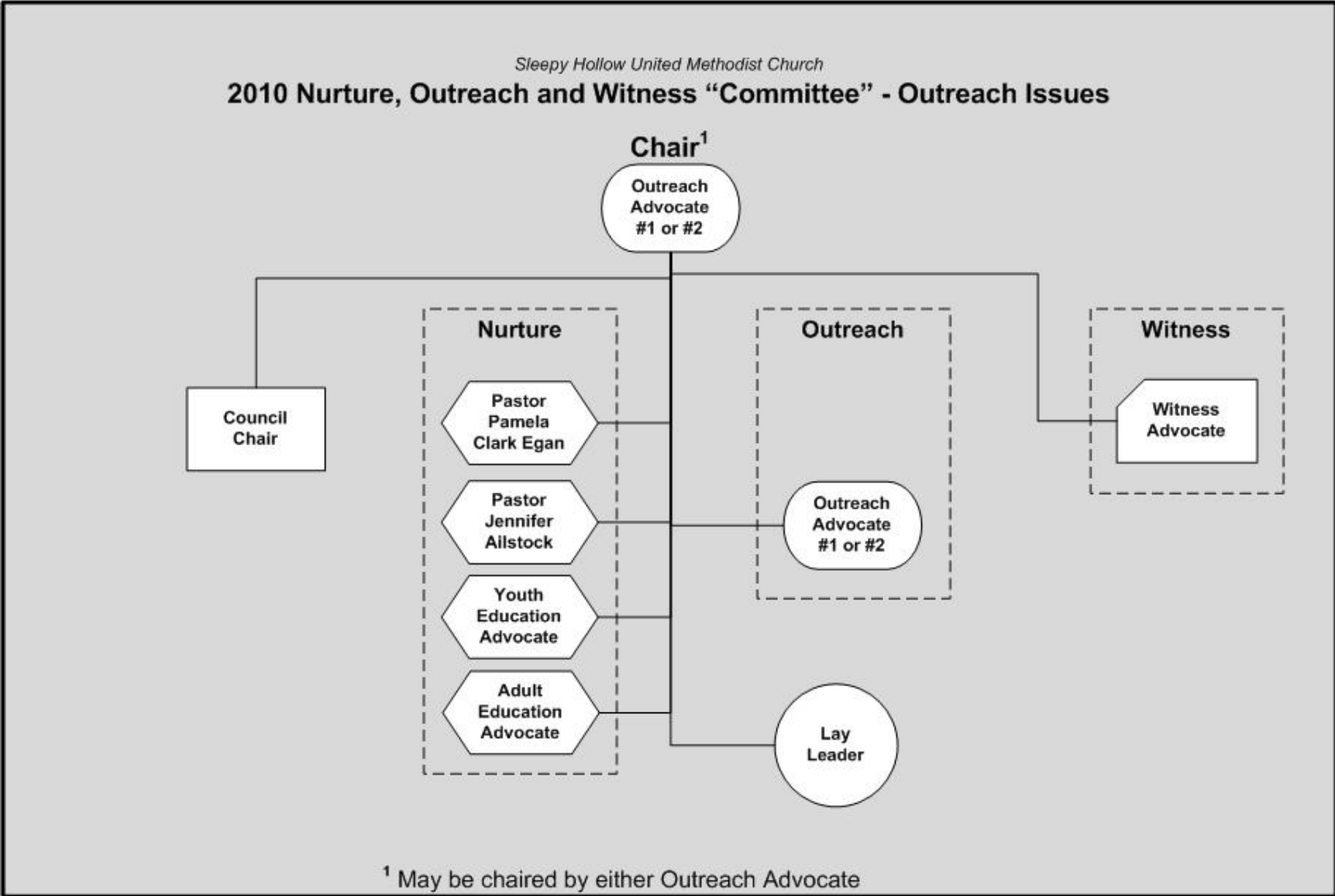




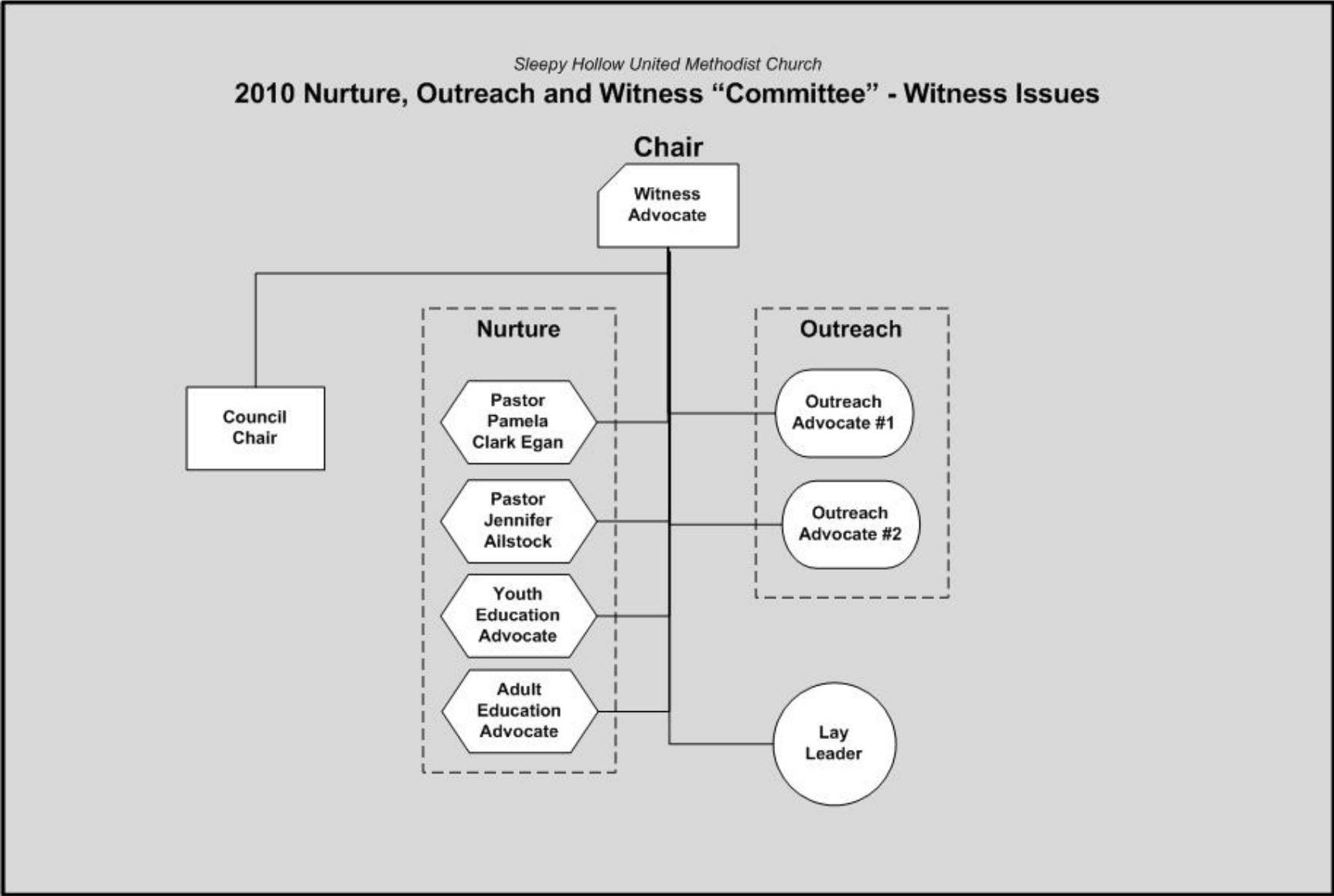
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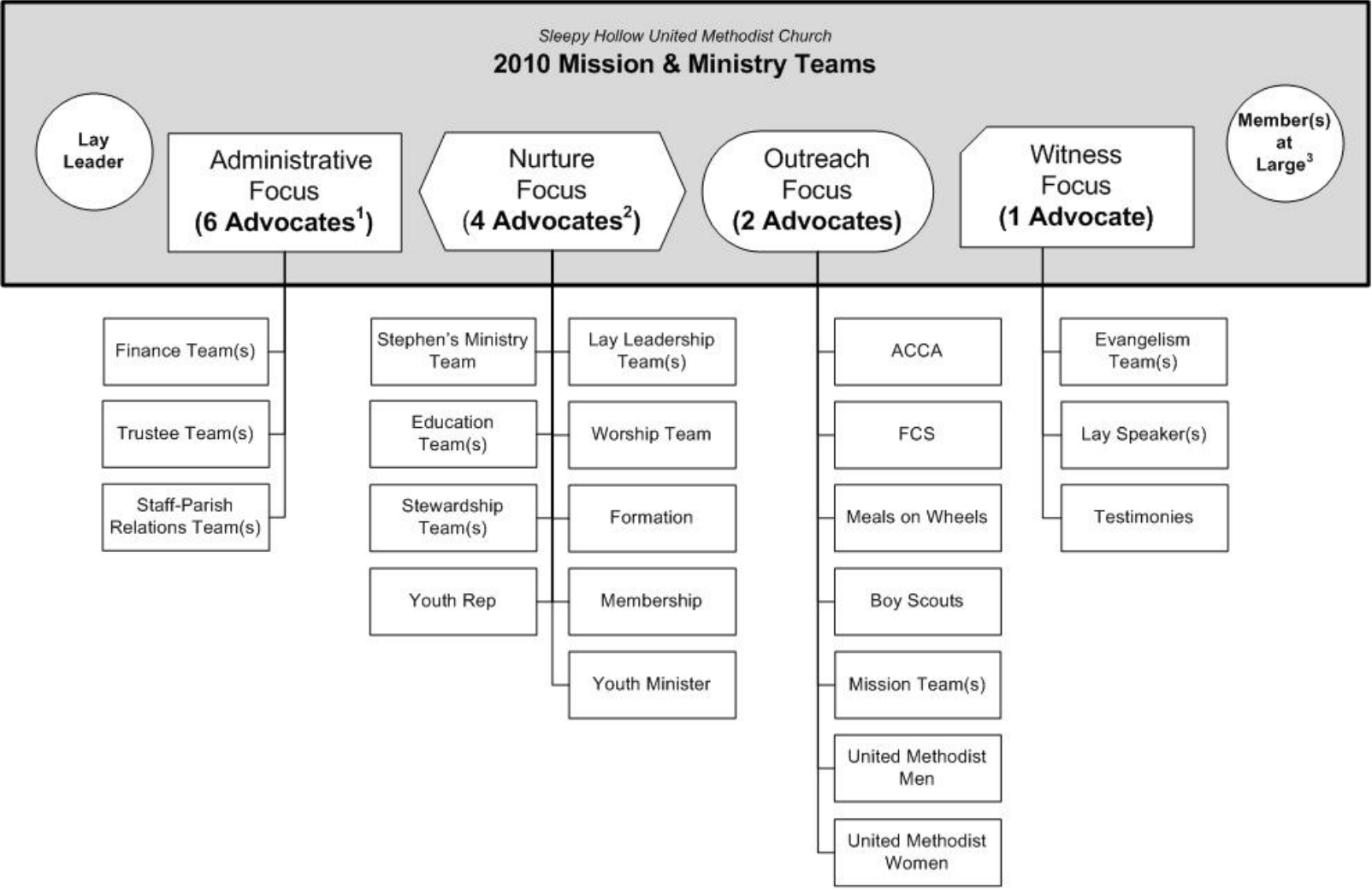
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<sup>1</sup>Chair of Council, Finance Advocate, Treasurer, Staff-Parish Relations Advocate, Property Advocate, and Lay Representative to Annual Conference

<sup>2</sup> 2-Pastors, Youth Education Advocate, and Adult Education Advocate

<sup>3</sup> One vote shared between all Members-at-Large

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