

Bringing God into the Board Room

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- 1. We are entrusted with God's ministry.**
 - a. THIS IS GOD'S MINISTRY.
 - b. We get a front-row seat to watch Him move.
 - c. One day we will answer to the Lord for how we lead and steward His ministry.

- 2. It begins before Board Members join the Board.**
 - a. Board member job description.
 - b. Recruitment Practices.
 - c. Recruitment Locations.
 - d. Voting.

- 3. Proactive Protection**
 - a. Team Values
 - b. Rules of engagement – Grievance Policy.
 - c. Matthew 18
 - d. The Board can stop so many organizational trials before they start.

- 4. We are interceding and praying for the organization, team, clients, etc.**
 - a. Responsible for covering the ministry in prayer.

- 5. Structure of Officers**
 - a. Chair
 - a. Leads and guides the meetings.
 - b. The most crucial relationship in the ministry is between the Chair and Executive Director.
 - b. Vice-Chair
 - a. Leads when Chair cannot.
 - b. Frequently shares the weight of the Chair.
 - c. Treasurer
 - a. Over the monthly financials.
 - b. Be specific on the expectations.
 - d. Secretary
 - a. Writes the minutes and submits.
 - b. Minutes only have to be detailed if taking motions or need specific language.
 - c. Be specific on the expectations.
 - e. Chaplain

6. Before the meeting.

- a. If you have something to send in, go through the Chair.
- b. Chair and Executive Director prayerfully make the agenda.

7. Structure of a Meeting.

- a. Begin each meeting with prayer.
 - a. Intentionally ask God to guide the decision-making.
- b. Focus on the mission in the beginning.
 - a. Use a Scripture.
 - b. Use a devotional.
 - c. Use a real story highlighting how God is moving.
- c. Listen thoughtfully to the Holy Spirit.
 - a. One ear on the meeting. The other is on God.
- d. It is OK to table a topic.

8. Additional ways to bring God into the Board Room.

- a. Taking communion together.
- b. Listening to prayer or song.
- c. Taking prayer requests amongst each other.
- d. Unique ideas?

9. Additional Resources

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- e. HANBERG, E. R. I. K. (2015). *Little book of boards: A board member's Handbook for Small (and very small) nonprofits*. CREATESPACE INDEPENDENT P.
- f. Jossey-Bass. (2012). *The Nonprofit Board Answer Book: A practical guide for board members and chief executives*.

10. Questions?