

# **Board Practices that Protect**

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## **Objectives:**

- 1) Grow in understanding the unique authority entrusted to boards to guard and protect nonprofit ministries.
- 2) Evaluate systems of accountability for governing boards and executive leadership.
- 3) Identify effective strategies for conflict resolution that strengthen the board as a cohesive team.

## **Faithful Diligence: Serving with Wisdom and Grace**

- Grounded in God's grace
- Practice stewardship with prudence
  - Managing resources wisely, prioritizing people as the most valuable asset.
- Seek God's wisdom
- Cultivate a culture of compassion and grace
- Develop community agreements for conflict resolution

## **Building the Muscles of Differentiated Leadership**

- Define differentiated leadership
  - Foster stability, clarity, and mission-aligned responses even during crises.
- Strategies for building differentiation
  - RelateStrong Model

## **Board Recruitment and Preparation**

- Beyond connections and expertise
  - Recruiting individuals who embody organization's values, demonstrate spiritual maturity and a commitment to the mission.
- Comprehensive onboarding
  - Preparing new board members through comprehensive training that goes beyond operational details
- Addressing difficult topics

## **Policies and Procedures: Protecting through Proactive Planning**

- Predetermined safeguards
- Limiting vulnerabilities
  - Address potential situations for abuse
- Accessible reporting mechanisms
- Regular review and updates

***“He leads the way, keep close to Him.”***