

# ELDER BOARD RESOURCES

A RESOURCE GUIDE: FOREST LAKES DISTRICT EFCA



**Building a healthy elder board is a very important process for the life and health of a church body. We have gathered some helpful articles and books to reference as you build, rebuild, reimagine, or train your elder board. We have also included a sample church board covenant as a reference point!**

## Articles

**[How to Design and Lead a Healthy and Productive Church Board](#)** - Dan Reiland

**[Keeping the Band Together](#)** - Brian Thorstad

**[5 Dysfunctions of an Eldership Team](#)** - TGC

## Books

**[Church Elders: How to Shepherd God's People Like Jesus - 9 Marks of Healthy Churches](#)** - Jeramie Rinne

**[Lead](#)** - Paul Tripp

**[Elders and Leaders: God's Plan for Leading the Church](#)** - Gene Getz

**[Teams That Thrive - Five Disciplines of Collaborative Church Leadership](#)** - Warren Bird

# Elder Board Covenant

in light of **Philippians 2:1-4** and **Ephesians 4:30-5:2**

**The following covenant is to be signed annually by each board member at the start of the "board year." This is for the goal of church unity and leadership commitment by the oversight board of the church, and to guide all of our discussions and mood.**

## As a follower of Jesus Christ and member of this church, I promise to...

- Be faithful to our Savior in word and actions as a positive example of a Christian.
- Support this church with regular giving, Sunday morning attendance and participation in ministry in an official way. I will demonstrate my commitment to Christ and His Church.
- Pray regularly for our church, pastors, staff and our board.

## As a member of this church board, I promise to...

- Attend as many board meeting as possible and seek what is best for the glory of our Lord and for the church, not just my personal desires.
- Share my hopes and opinions in the meetings in a kind and loving way, never with belligerence or a mean spirit.
- Live with the decision of the board and walk out of the meeting as "one mind." This means I will not share with others any dissenting opinions or any names of people who voted either way. We decide as one board and give that news only.
- Handle any personal hurts with others in a Biblical manner, beginning one on one; seeking always to forgive or to be forgiven.
- Allow scriptural goals and values to take precedence over church traditions or personal preferences.
- Keep in confidence any personal or church issues or pending decisions.

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