

Elder Training

Suggested Reading (from the staff of the FLD-EFCA)

A healthy requirement for effective leadership is on-going learning and development. We all have the tendency toward complacency and dependence on past experiences. We need to hold each other accountable for active continuous learning and effectiveness.

It is advisable to have all current elders (and perspective elders) read the following books, either:

1. All read the same book together and discuss it; or
 2. Each read a different book and each report his take-aways to the others.
- If you can only read one book in the category, read this one (or read this one first)

General Governance:

- High Impact Church Boards, Finally You can Develop Healthy, Intentional and Empowered Leaders for Your Church; T.J. Addington, Sandbox Resources, 2006; NavPress, 2010

Leading Leaders, Empowering Church Boards for Ministry Excellence; Aubrey Malphurs, Baker Books, 2005

Elders and Leaders, God's Plan for Leading the Church, A Biblical, Historical and Cultural Perspective; Gene A. Getz, Moody, 2003

Winning on Purpose, How to Organize Congregations to Succeed in their Mission; John Edmund Kaiser, Abingdon Press, 2006

Biblical Eldership: An Urgent Call To Restore Biblical Church Leadership, Alexander Strauch, Lewis & Roth Publishers, 1995

Mission of the Church:

- Simple Church, Returning to God's Process for Making Disciples; Thom S. Rainer & Eric Geiger, Broadman & Holman Publishing (B & H), 2006

The Trellis and the Vine, The Ministry Mind-shift that Changes Everything; Colin Marshall and Tony Payne, Matthias Media, 2009

The Externally Focused Church; Rick Rusaw and Eric Swanson, Group, 2004

The Purpose Driven Church; Rick Warren, Zondervan, 1995

Leadership:

- Courageous Leadership: Field Tested Strategy for the 360* Leader; Bill Hybels, Zondervan 2009

The Next Generation Leader; Andy Stanley, Multnomah, 2003

Spiritual Leadership; Oswald Sanders, Moody, 1967, 1980, 1994

Spiritual Leadership, Moving People on to God's Agenda; Henry & Richard Blackaby, Broadman & Holman (B & H), 2001

The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership, Follow Them and People Will Follow You; John C. Maxwell, Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1998

Cracking Your Church's Culture Code; Samuel R. Chand, Jossey-Bass Publishers, 2011

Effective Staffing for Vital Churches; Bill Easum & Bill Tenny-Brittian, Baker Books, 2012

Team Dynamics:

- Sticky Teams, Keeping Your Leadership Team and Staff on the Same Page; Larry Osborne, Zondervan, 2010

The Five Dysfunctions of a Team, A Leadership Fable; Patrick Lencioni, Jossey-Bass, 2002

Doing Church as a Team, The Miracle of Teamwork and How it Transforms Churches; Wayne Cordeiro, Regal Books from Gospel Light, 2001, 2004

Church Is a Team Sport, Jim Putman, Baker Books, 2008

Vision and Change:

- Church Unique, How Missional Leaders Cast Vision, Capture Culture, and Create Movement; Will Mancini, Jossey-Bass, 2008

Leading from the Sandbox: Develop, Empower and Release High Impact Ministry Teams; T.J. Addington, Sandbox Resources, 2008; NavPress, 2010

Transitioning, Leading your Church through Change; Dan Southerland, Zondervan, 1999

Leading Congregational Change, A Practical Guide for the Transformational Journey; Jim Herrington, Mike Bonem, and James H. Furr, Jossey-Bass, 2000

Innovation's Dirty Little Secret; Larry Osborne, Zondervan, 2013

Church Health:

- 9 Marks of a Healthy Church; Mark Dever, Crossway, 2004

When God Builds a Church, 10 Principles for Growing a Dynamic Church; Bob Russell, Howard Publishing, 2000

The Irresistible Church: 12 Traits of a Church Heaven Applauds; Wayne Cordeiro, Bethany House Publishers, 2011

Taking Care of Your Pastor:

- It Only Hurts on Monday, Why Pastors Quit and What You Can Do About It; Dr. Gary L. McIntosh and Dr. Robert L. Edmondson, Church Smart Resources, 1998

Pastors at Risk, Help for Pastors, Hope for the Church; H.B. London Jr. and Neil B. Wiseman, Victor Books, 1993 – Revised Edition: Pastors at Greater Risk, Real Help for Pastors from Pastors Who've Been There; Regal Books, 2003

Theology, Doctrine:

- Evangelical Convictions: A theological Exposition of the Statement of Faith of the Evangelical Free Church of America; Free Church Publications, 2011

Bible Doctrine: Essential Teachings of the Christian Faith; Wayne Grudem and Jeff Purswell, Zondervan, 1999, 528 pages

The Faith: What Christians Believe, Why They Believe It, and Why It Matters; Chuck Colson & Harold Fickett, Zondervan, 2012, 256 pages

Training Curriculum, Workbook

Elders and Leaders Field Guide, Governing Boards Learning Together in Community; Lisa Marcheschi, editor, The Center of Church Based Training (CCBT), 2003