



# Building Strong Churches

A Guide to Local Board of  
Administration Orientation



## OUR PURPOSE

In the Wesleyan Church, the Local Board of Administration is a team of people who serve by representing God to the people. It is much more of a spiritual role than a business role. Their position allows them not to control the church, but to lead in a way that moves the mission forward for the sake of Kingdom advancement.

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# Identity

*Our Leadership Identity*

## *We Are*

- Brothers and Sisters in Christ
- Ministry Partners
- Kindred Spirits
- Percentage Givers (tithers)
- Ministers
- Pursuing the Same Interests
- Trustworthy

## *We Are Not*

- “Yes” Teams
- “No” Teams

# Roles

*The Beautiful Tension of Leadership*

*Staff*



*Designing*

*LBA*



*Supporting*

*Congregation*



*Serving*

*World*



*Reached*

# Strategy

*Our Constant Companions*



# Requirements

Be faithful in your attendance at church services and activities	Believe and practice the Biblical teaching of tithing	Represent the membership of the church in your voting and discussions
Lead an exemplary life of Christian faith and conduct	Support the majority action of the LBA and the Local Church Conference	Serve regularly and joyfully within the church
	Be a person of faith, believing God can do anything He asks us to do	

# Commitments

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*I will use my leadership influence to build:*

- Foundations for new ministry
- Repair ineffective ministries that are still viable
  - Bridges across issues that divide
- Platforms for more effective ministry
  - Highways into the future



# Commitments

*I will value every member of this leadership team:*

- The only silly question is the one that is never asked.
- Every person's opinion is valuable.
- I refuse to sin against you.
- We will make decisions based on truth. Not on personal agendas, to simply quiet a squeaky wheel, or without careful thought and prayer. To help this process we will usually introduce most items as a "Study Item." It will stay there for a month before it is moved to an "Action Item"
- Issues of concern or conflict that directly affect other team members will be discussed between the individuals as a first step (Matt. 18:15-16). If resolution does not occur, the issue then comes before the board.
- Confidentiality is a way of respecting each other.
- I will pray for each member of this team regularly.

# Commitments

*I will empower and mentor others:*

- Not every detail has to be discussed and voted on. Most people have the best interest of the church at heart and if we cannot trust them in the minor details we should not have put them in a decision making position.
- I must build into other people. I can only serve for so long, and then who will step up and fill the gap?

# Commitments

*I will do everything possible to become healthier this year:*

- Spiritually
- Relationally
- Emotionally
- Physically
- Ministry and Leadership

# Other Resources



*Attached*