

Board Orientation

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Complete Board elections in the month of April.

Schedule a meeting with new board members and two returning members of the board. Ahead of the meeting, send the new members minutes from the previous 12 months of board meetings for them to review.

At that meeting:

- 1. Help the new board members to understand that their role is not to represent the people to the board, but to represent God to the people.*
- 2. Give new members documentation of the mission, vision, and values.*
- 3. If they exist, they should also give them a copy of the Guiding Principles.*
- 4. Ask new members to read the book Pursuing God's Will Together by Ruth Haley Barton.*
- 5. Have a finance person teach and train on how to read the financial reports that are a part of the monthly board pack.*
- 6. Show the board members a sample agenda and explain what each item is about.*
- 7. Allow time for the new members to ask questions about anything that is not clear to them.*
- 8. Invite current board members to share insights to what it is like to serve on the board.*
- 9. If available, give them the next year of meeting dates.*

Invite the new board members to attend the May board meeting as guests so they can see an actual board meeting in operation.