

QUESTIONS	YES, NO N/A	COMMENTS
<p>Section 1</p> <p>Governance and Legal</p> <p>A. Governing Board</p> <p>1. Is leadership selection for service on the governing board based on at least the following Biblical directives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Character (Timothy 3:1-10)? b. Giftedness (1 Corinthians 12:12-31)? c. Function (Romans 12:3-8)? d. Results (Ephesians 4:11-16)? 		
<p>2. Is there a balance of spiritual giftedness of those serving on the board?</p>		
<p>3. Is an apprenticeship program (Mark 3:14) based on teaching applications and proving (Acts 19:10) in place for building new leaders?</p>		
<p>4. Does leadership lead without showing favoritism or partiality (I Timothy 5:21)?</p>		
<p>5. Is submission to biblical authority (Hebrews 13:17) properly understood by leadership, employees and church members?</p>		
<p>6. Does the church operate under a plurality form of leadership within the governing board (Acts 14:23, James 5:14)?</p>		
<p>7. Does the church have an active Nominating Committee, composed of church membership, who coordinates the election of members to serve on the governing board and other church committees?</p>		
<p>8. Has a well-defined Philosophy of Ministry been prepared, distributed and ultimately explained to all ministry leaders, employees, members and newcomers of the church?</p>		
<p>9. Does this Philosophy of Ministry address at least the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mission Statement? b. Purpose Statement? c. Doctrinal Statement? d. Ministry Priorities? e. Ministry Distinctives and Core Values? f. Membership Covenant? 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> g. Plurality of Leadership Statement? h. Affiliations? i. Conduct of Church Affairs? 		
<p>10. Is this Philosophy of Ministry re-evaluated every year during the preparation of the annual ministry plan?</p>		
<p>11. Is a documented Ministry Plan prepared every year by staff and presented to the board for their review?</p>		
<p>12. Are new board members properly informed and trained regarding their responsibilities, and are they furnished a board reference manual which includes at least the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ministry Description for the Board? b. Leadership Position Description for board members? c. Philosophy of Ministry? d. Vision/Mission Statement? e. Articles of Incorporation/Charter/Bylaws? f. Ministry Plan for current year? g. Annual Ministry Report from last year? h. Historical data/surveys? i. Strategic Ministry/Long-range plans? j. Organizational Charts of ministries and staff? k. Policies and Procedures Manual? l. Current year General Operating Budget? m. Current financial statements/reports? n. Administrative information regarding frequency of meetings, attendance, etc.? 		
<p>13. Is an Acknowledgement Statement included with this manual, and are board members required to sign this statement, stating that they have read the material and understand its content?</p>		
<p>14. Are board meetings run by the use of agendas? Are these agendas adhered to?</p>		
<p>15. Is service on the governing board based on a rotation/term basis?</p>		
<p>16. Has the board established a clear and internally consistent risk management policy, including risk limits?</p>		
<p>17. Are additional procedures in place, which keep board members adequately informed regarding current legal issues facing the church?</p>		