

# Board of Elders

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## Spiritual Advisor

**Mission Statement:** God directs us in His word, “...as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers” (Galatians 6:10); therefore, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church:

- encourages members in their spiritual life and walk with their Savior.
- connects Christians in meaningful relationships by providing opportunities for friendship, support, and accountability through regular worship and fellowship.
- encourages all members to use their time, talents, and treasures in serving the Lord through participation in ministry.

**Description:** The Spiritual Advisor to the Board of Elders is the Administrative Pastor. His role is to counsel and educate the board members regarding spiritual life, fellowship and member participation in ministry.

### Qualifications:

- God has set forth the qualifications for those serving in the public ministry in 1Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:6-9:
  - ◆ above reproach and blameless = good reputation
  - ◆ husband of one wife = morally upright
  - ◆ temperate, self-controlled, not given to drunkenness
  - ◆ respectable = honorable
  - ◆ hospitable
  - ◆ able to teach
  - ◆ not violent, gentle, not quarrelsome, not overbearing, not quick tempered
  - ◆ not a lover of money, not pursuing dishonest gain
  - ◆ manages his family well
  - ◆ not a recent convert = holding firmly to the faith
  - ◆ loves what is good
  - ◆ holy = devout

### Responsibilities:

1. Attend and participate in Board of Elders meetings.
2. Guide and advise the chairman of the board and board members on how the Board of Elders can fulfill the vision. (Note: The Spiritual Advisor is not responsible for carrying out the work of the board, leading the meetings or determining the focus of the Board of Elders ministries.)
3. Model Personal Member Ministry—equipping others for ministry.
4. Empower the board members to take action.
5. Hold the board accountable for results.
6. Communicate needs or new ideas to the board.
7. Coordinate and communicate information regarding the board to the staff.
8. Provide ongoing leadership development and education in the area of Board of Elders.
9. Discern doctrinal issues.

### Time Commitment:

- 7 hours per month for meetings and assigned tasks

**Relationships:** The Spiritual Advisor of the Board of Elders develops the leadership potential in chairman of the board; works as a team with board members.

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**Training:** Ongoing leadership development and training is available as part of staff development. The staff also participates in the yearly board retreats, and any other leadership development opportunities.