

2018 ECOB Church Board Operation Summary

THE PURPOSE OF THE BOARD:

To provide an environment that empowers our ministers and ministries through program management, partnership with our pastors and staff, and allocation of financial gifts in a way that is visionary and which reflects our call to faithfully live the way Jesus taught us.

ROLE OF THE BOARD CHAIR:

- Set agendas and organize meetings
- Guide and maintain productive discussions
- Crack the whip when needed
- Liaison with pastors and commissions
- Maintain a long view and be sure all viewpoints are heard
- Stay connected to the congregation
- Be a spokesperson for the Board
- Be knowledgeable and help commissions as needed
- Remind commissions of their purpose - Why are you doing this? How does this relate to our mission?

ROLE OF BOARD MEMBERS:

- Listen and share with e/other and with commission members
- Be brave and practice the three C's (Curiosity, Change, Control)
- Engage in honest communication and frank assessments
- Be on task, reliable, accountable, and committed to your commission's work
- Ask questions
- Speak your mind
- Be aligned and support decisions after we make them

WORK PROCESSES:

Commission Minutes - do not need to be shared as part of the Board packet or with each other

- Send to the Church Office (info@etowncob.org) within 1 week of Commission meeting to be added to the central repository of all commission minutes

Commission Reports (a summary of the minutes)

- Send to Alyssa Cross (alyssakmyers@gmail.com) by the first Wednesday of the month

Board Meeting Packet

- Will be sent by Alyssa to Board members with a copy to the church office on Friday prior to the Board Meeting

Pastoral Reports

- Written reports not needed. Reports to be given verbally during the meeting

BOARD MEETINGS:

- Will be held on the second Monday of the month at 6:45 p.m.

COMMON PAYER:

Loving God, give us courage to allocate our time and talents to furthering the mission of our beloved congregation. May we inspire curiosity, control, and willingness to change in each other to solve our problems and lead the way. We celebrate our many precious gifts and the opportunities we have to use them. Thank you for each other, our pastors and staff, and our fellow ministers.

Amen