

# Board Member Application

**Board Members are an essential part of how Cornerstone operates. Here's what's expected.**

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## **What is a Board Member?**

Serving on the Church Board is not a casual group. It is a highly committed association of dedicated Christians; these are men and women who have resolved to give their all for Christ and the church. Qualifying is not always easy and it is expected that it may take years of work and spiritual growth to be ready to be a Board Member.

## **Requirements:**

All Board Members should be able to qualify for church leadership according to the precepts set forth in the books of 1 Timothy and Titus. The Board has two primary responsibilities. First, they are governors of the church, meaning they set the parameters for what is and is not acceptable as a church body. Their job is to define the governing principles, or a set of values that show how we live out the mission of making disciples. Second, the Board holds the Lead Pastor accountable.

Because of these important roles, the biblical texts regarding leadership, and our particular vision at Cornerstone, we see several important requirements to be a Board Member.

- Strong moral character. While we never expect anyone to be perfect (none of us are!), it is expected that a Board Member be endlessly pursuing a closer walk with God.
- Maintain a personal time of prayer and Bible study.
- Practice mature management of interpersonal conflict and dissent. Conflict must be dealt with in the manner described in Matthew 18:15-17.
- Attend and contribute to the groups at Cornerstone.
- Demonstrate a consistent willingness to build relationships with others; this includes both inside and outside the church.
- Provide regular financial giving to the church.
- Serve in a defined service area or leadership role.
- Be willing to undergo a background check, may be interviewed by the Board Chair, and submit to a Church vote.
- Avoid discrediting behavior.
- Have the application endorsed by a current Board Member, a Staff Member, and a Church Member.

## **Supporting the Vision:**

Cornerstone Christian Church exists to fulfill the great commission of Jesus Christ to make disciples. To be a Board Member, it is important that you can actively support this vision.

## **Becoming a Board Member:**

To become a Board Member, fill out the application on the opposite side. It is important that you read and understand what is expected. It is also important that a current Board Member, a Staff Member, and a Church Member support the application by signing the line marked "endorsed by." When you are ready, simply drop off the form with the Board Chair. The Board Chair will make sure the application is complete, will contact you for any additional information, and will prepare applicants for a church membership vote.

## **Working as a Board Member:**

Board Members perform several important functions at Cornerstone. Some of the most important are as follows:

- Help with "board-level" or executive decisions that help decide the direction of Cornerstone.
- Recruit and help others get involved in service.
- Lead or volunteer in a particular area of service in the church that needs to be coordinated.
- Assist other leaders to complete much of the work at Cornerstone. This includes supporting other leaders with various projects and efforts.
- Attend quarterly board meetings.

## **Questions?**

We are happy to answer your questions about the big decision of becoming a Board Member. Please contact the Chairman of the Board if you have further questions:

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Please fill out this form to the best of your ability. See the opposite side for what is expected of a Board Member. When completed, please drop it off with the Chairman of the Board.

<b>Name</b>		<b>Birthdate</b> ____/____/____	<b>Age</b>
<b>Street Address</b>		<b>City/Zip</b>	<b>Phone</b>
<b>Marital Status</b> <b>M S W</b>	<b>If Married, Spouse's Name</b>	<b>If Child(ren), Name(s)</b>	
<b>Employer</b>		<b>Job Title</b>	<b>Where is your job located?</b>
<b>Why are you interested in joining the Board?</b>		<b>How long have you been an immersed Christian?</b>	<b>How long have you been attending Cornerstone?</b>
<b>Which Cornerstone group(s) do you attend?</b>	<b>How long have you been attending this group?</b>	<b>On average, how many Sundays per month do you attend Cornerstone? (Please circle)</b> <b>1 2 3 4/5</b>	
<b>Check off ministry roles and service. Elaborate as needed.</b>			
<b>Outreach</b>			
Have you ever brought anyone into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no			
Have you brought a non-Christian to a worship service in the last year? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no			
Do you actively seek out friendships with unchurched people? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no			
<b>Discipleship</b>			
Do you set aside time to regularly pray and read the Bible? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no			
Are you meeting regularly with anyone to study the Bible? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no			
How would you describe your current spiritual walk? _____			
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<b>Service</b>			
Are you involved in an area of consistent service at Cornerstone? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no			
If so, what area(s) _____			
Are you involved in an area of consistent service distinct from Cornerstone? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no			
If so, what area(s) _____			
Please list any other areas of service or ministry: _____			
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<b>Have you read and do you understand the expectations of a Board Member (opposite side)?</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		<b>Endorsing Church Member</b>	<b>Date</b> _____/_____/_____
<b>Endorsing Staff Member</b>	<b>Date</b> _____/_____/_____	<b>Endorsing Board Member</b>	<b>Date</b> _____/_____/_____

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