

**Policy of New Life Christian Community  
By the Approval of New Life Christian Community**

**Governance**

**Community Governance Style**

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*Statement of Provision*

We recognize the need to follow the Biblical model of church governance. For this reason, we will be a missional Christian community that adheres to the Presbytery type form of governance.

Accordingly:

1. The community's leadership will be made up of a Council of Elders.
2. The Pastor is an Elder.
3. The Pastor will prayerfully choose the Elders who exemplify Biblical characteristics established in 1 Tim 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9.
4. The Elders shall follow the protocol for authority, governance and direction as laid out in the governance policies.
5. There shall be no votes that mandate a "majority rules" outcome on any matter in the community. The Council of Elders may call a meeting in order to help reach a decision for the community, and the Council may ask for a public "vote" (i.e., a visible show of hands) in order to help determine consensus, but the Council of Elders shall make the final decision without any obligation whatsoever to reflect that consensus.
6. The role of Deacon is not a spiritual leadership position and, as such, Deacons are not considered members of the Council of Elders.
7. A Deacon may be recommended by the community at large. A Deacon will be appointed by the Elders once the Deacon candidate passes testing (Acts 6:1-7; 1 Tim 3:8-13).
8. A Deacon will fulfill the direction of the Council of Elders by working with the community according to his or her assigned specific role and area of administrative responsibility.
9. The community shall have quarterly meetings for the Council of Elders to report on the vision, ministry plans and finances (with documentation provided to all who are on the community commitment roll as per the financial policy).