

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

Governance

Elder Qualifications

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Statement of Provision

Specific Council of Elders qualifications are those that are consistent with both Biblical mandates found in 1 Tim 1:1-3 and Titus 1:5-16 for elders as well as leadership standards, distinctives, and policies unique to the NLCC community.

Accordingly:

1. The selection of an elder, as described in GOV-08, will be according to the following Biblical requirements:
 - a. Claims a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
 - b. Maintains an active relationship with Jesus Christ.
 - c. Above reproach
 - d. Husband of one wife (not a polygamist)
 - e. Sober minded
 - f. Self-controlled
 - g. Respectable
 - h. Hospitable
 - i. Able to teach
 - j. Not a drunkard
 - k. Not violent
 - l. Gentle
 - m. Not quarrelsome
 - n. Not a lover of money
 - o. Manages his household well
 - p. Not a recent convert (mature in faith)
 - q. Thought well of by outsiders
 - r. Children are believers
 - s. Not open to debauchery
 - t. Not insubordinate
 - u. Not arrogant
 - v. Not quick-tempered
 - w. Lover of good
 - x. Upright/Holy
 - y. Disciplined
 - z. Holds to scripture
 - aa. Given to sound doctrine
 - bb. Able to correct incorrect doctrine

2. The following leadership qualities must be evident in individuals being considered for Eldership.
 - a. Previously proven record as a deacon.
 - b. Able to think critically, creatively and globally through issues.
 - c. Able to receive and offer constructive criticism.
 - d. Possess the spiritual gifts of leadership and/or administration.
 - e. Teachable.
 - f. Able to listen to God's voice and obey His direction.
3. The following qualifications unique to the NLCC community must be evidenced in individuals being considered for Eldership.
 - a. Must be male (an NLCC Distinctive)
 - b. In agreement with NLCC Statement of Faith.
 - c. In agreement with NLCC Distinctives.
 - d. In agreement with NLCC policies.
 - e. In agreement with NLCC philosophy and style of ministry.
 - f. In agreement with the Council of Elders chosen style of governance.
 - g. Supportive of the Senior Pastor.
 - h. Able to identify and use personal spiritual gifts.
 - i. A proven track record of working well with people.
 - j. A desire to serve in various ministry capacities within NLCC.
 - k. Able to attend NLCC worship gatherings on a consistent basis.
 - l. Currently in good standing with NLCC.
 - m. General support from family members.