

**Policy of the Council of Elders
New Life Christian Community**

**Governance Process
Elders Council Operations**

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Statement of Provision

The Council of Elders function is to operate and govern in such a way to bring honor and glory to God and His body.

Accordingly:

1. The Council of Elders will consist of at least two Elders. It is preferred to have more than two. The Council shall have to the maximum that the Senior Pastor deems appropriate. In the event that the church is less than 50 people and no male fits the description of GOV-06 the Senior Pastor may then be the sole Elder until a male is able to be appointed to eldership. Should this be the case the Senior Pastor shall then strike up a Core Team to help with bouncing off ideas and prayerful support to the Senior Pastor.
2. The Council of Elders will seek God's direction through the Scriptures and prayer before discussion. Members will share what God is speaking to them. Decisions will be based on God's direction and not on opinion.
3. Decisions will follow this form for discussion, as suggested in Roberts Rules of Order:
 - a. Preamble – Presentation of the idea/motion.
 - b. Discussion of the idea/motion.
 - c. Verbal communication of each elder for the approval or disapproval of the presented idea/motion.
4. The Council of Elders will make its decision by consensus, by verbal agreement. Each Elder will count as one voice. The final decision will be the position of the entire Council of Elders (as if there were no difference of opinion).
5. The Council of Elders will focus on current and future issues rather than resolved issues.
6. The Council of Elders will operate proactively rather than passively or negatively.
7. The Council of Elders shall meet monthly with the exception of summer months (July-August) where they will meet once.