

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

**Pastoral Relations
Pastor's Authority**

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Statement of Provision

We understand and recognize that the authority of the Pastor is vital for the health of the church.

Accordingly:

1. The Pastor is an Elder.
2. The Pastor has the same authority as an Elder within the Council of Elders.
3. The Pastor has any and all authority as described in the Bible as a Pastor/Shepherd and Elder.
4. The Pastor has any and all authority as described in the policies of NLCC.
5. The Pastor is accountable first and foremost to God. The Pastor will have to stand and given an account before God (Heb 13:17).
6. The Pastor is accountable to the Council of Elders just as all Elders are.