



Committee and Ministry Meeting Helps

- 1) **Please be prepared.** Whatever your role may be, come ready, updated, fully-equipped, prayed-up, gracious and ready to serve.
- 2) **Be eager to make allowance for others and yourself.** We are a family. Most of us have other jobs. The work we do at WCC is crucial, but we cannot try and take care of everything as if the destiny of the church rests in our hands. It rests in Christ's hands who said,

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. Matthew 11:28-20

- 3) **In your meeting, keep before you an open Bible.** Thinking theologically so as to ask yourself first, in all matters, "How will this appear to God?" Remember that discernment is thinking God's thought, and we can only do this by His Spirit through His Word.
- 4) **If you don't know, don't go (forward).** If you are unsure of the lines of authority, or if you are unsure you have the authority to make a decision, then do not move forward. Wait and ask the appropriate individuals or check the appropriate resources.
- 5) **Conflict of interest.** If you have a vested interest, family interest or any perceived conflict of interest, for example, matters of finance or with a family member (spouse) being considered for positions or raise, then gently remove yourself from the room while the discussion is unfolding and the decision is being made.
- 6) **Balance.** Work if you are able, to have a balance of males and females as well as a full range of age representation of individuals of age on each ministry. Keeping in mind that the Biblical prescription for Eldership is always qualified males.
- 7) **Your influence is never to be overbearing.** Spiritual leadership is always done with prayer, tact, truth, love, spiritual wisdom, compassion and compromise, if valid. Spiritual leadership is never done with might, right or a domineering spirit.
- 8) **Elder Approval.** If the decision you are making affects the whole congregation or the direction of the church, make sure to present your proposal to the Elder board for approval before moving forward.

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy, and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness. (James 3:17, 18)