

## TEN BOARD ROOM PRINCIPLES

it is important to observe certain principles in order to develop confidence and unity in the Board Room.

- 1: **The Principle of Contribution.** Each member of the Board should be encouraged to dream openly about the future. Each idea should be deemed important. No one member should dominate the discussion.
2. **The Principle of Tolerance.** Each member of the Board should respect the view points of others based on their background and experiences.
3. **The Principle of Representation.** It is important to keep in mind that the Board is called to serve the church and represent the church members during the process.
4. **The Principle of Confidentiality.** Each member of the Board should assume that information discussed in meetings is confidential unless instructed otherwise.
5. **The Principle of Constructive Dialogue.** Each concern expressed should be matched with a constructive recommendation for solution.
6. **The Principle of Harmonious Debate.** Full and open debate should be encouraged in order to reach decisions that can be supported by all members of the Board. Once decisions are made they are to be supported by each member after the meeting is concluded.
7. **The Principle of Prayer.** All discussions, debates and decisions should be bathed in prayer in order to find the will of God in all matters under discussion.
8. **The Principle of Communication.** It is important to keep each other informed. Be sure to seek the truth in all matters under discussion. Rumours should not be entertained. The chair should be empowered to speak on behalf of the Board and should be accountable to the Board.
9. **The Principle of Modeling.** Each member of the Board should seek to model biblical leadership principles in order to create confidence in the Board's decisions.
10. **The Principle of Loyalty.** Each member of the Board should demonstrate loyalty to all other members in order to develop a team spirit.