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Moving From the Lower Room to the Upper Room

CHURCH GOVERNANCE

The pressure on churches to adapt to the needs of their communities has been amplified to new highs. Between the pandemic, political polarization, and the age of technology, many churches find themselves as frequent start up organizations, even if they've existed in their locations for a century. Clarity and efficiency are needed for this day.

ECO wants to help pastors and sessions explore church leadership structure. We want to assist you in articulating and implementing your guiding principles, as well as your church's unique mission.

We hope to help pastors and sessions, amidst their difficulties, to create a shift in their current church governance structure. We want to equip you with the tools to become more nimble in dealing with adaptive change. We offer these resources to church leadership to view and discuss, in order to seek missional clarity and direction in this area of church structure.

This resource includes downloadable video presentations & corresponding powerpoints, book recommendations, conversations with ECO church consultants, as well as sample documents, and guiding principles to help churches consider adopting this model of church governance on a variety of levels.

THERE ARE 3 SECTIONS TO THE CHURCH GOVERNANCE RESOURCE:

SECTION 1 PRINCIPLES OF POLICY MODEL OF GOVERNANCE

- Explore information on church structure and principles of the Policy Model of Governance
- Define the role of the pastor and session
- Discover the reasons why you should apply it to your church

SECTION 2 ECO CHURCH SAMPLES OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Discover guidelines and boundaries for staff to work within at different churches (blueprint of operations in the policy model)
- Explore sample documents that you may want to consider as you move forward within the Policy Governance Model

SECTION 3 KAISER (POLICY) MODEL AND ECO POLITY

- Review Kaiser Model and ECO Polity documents that consist of various studies and responses to areas where the Policy Governance Model, particularly as described in "Winning on Purpose," might conflict with ECO Polity.

Duration

The Church Governance resource is available online and includes on-demand videos and corresponding materials that you can work through at your own pace. Most churches are able to complete the resource within 3 to 6 months. Some steps of implementation may take longer based on a church plan to move forward in adopting these principles. As a supplement to this process, if you are interested in learning more about ECO's Vision Framing Process, visit: eco-pres.org/vision-frame-process.

Cost

Free to all ECO Churches

*some coaching costs may apply with implementation

How to Get Started

To access the Church Governance course, please visit: courses.eco-pres.org



Please reach out to us at office@eco-pres.org if you need more assistance