

# **Seymour Christian Reformed Church**

## **BOARD MANDATE**

# **ELDER BOARD**

**Revised May 2018**

### **PURPOSE**

Seymour Church gives glory to God by following the Father's call to become mature through Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. The *Elder Board* exists to advance this purpose of Seymour Church by exercising leadership in those tasks which belong distinctively to the Office of Elder as defined by the Church Order of the Christian Reformed Church.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Elders and full-time pastors are members of the *Elder Board*. Elders (both administrative elders and shepherd elders) will be selected through the approved nomination process and serve a three-year term.

- Seven (7) Shepherd Elders and three (3) Administrative Elders will serve on the *Elder Board*.
- The administrative elder who serves as the chairperson of the *Council* will also serve as the chairperson of the *Elder Board*.
- The administrative elder who serves as the clerk of the *Council* will also serve as the clerk of the *Elder Board*.
- The administrative elder who serves as vicar of the *Council* will also serve as vicar of the *Elder Board*.
- The *Pastor of Administration* will serve as the pastoral advisor to the *Elder Board*.

### **MEETINGS**

The *Elder Board* will ordinarily meet on the third Monday in the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November. The meetings will begin at 7:00 PM.

### **ACCOUNTABILITY**

The *Elder Board* is directly accountable to the *Council* of Seymour Church to which it will report by means of a set of minutes edited for confidentiality.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The responsibilities of the *Elder Board* include the following:

- Pray for the staff, ministries and mission of Seymour Church.
- Conduct its work according to the *Church Order* of the Christian Reformed Church.
- Exercise discerning oversight over the congregational health and ministries of the church.
- Attend to the spiritual formation of the pastors, office-holders, staff, and members of the congregation.
- Oversee all membership matters, including professions of faith.
- Exercise church discipline.
- Discuss, deliberate, and discern matters such as the spiritual health of the congregation as it relates to the mission, vision, and ministry of Seymour Church.