

BoardServe Tour with Dr. LeBron Fairbanks - October 6-17,

Greetings Church Board Member,

I have been asked by your district superintendent to serve as a consultant/evaluator to your district in a series of October local church board development area meetings. It will be my privilege to meet with you and to work with you and other board members across the district around the theme, "Strengthening Local Church Boards."

The survey which follows is designed to assist me in shaping the evening sessions to your specific needs. Your perceptions and opinions are needed and important. Any input you can provide will be very helpful and will be kept confidential.

Kindly complete this survey as soon as possible but no later than August 30. I look forward to your response, and to speaking with you at one of the October meetings.

Gratefully,

E. LeBron Fairbanks,
BoardServe LLC
founder and director,
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Mount Vernon Nazarene University,
president emeritus

Church Mission

1. Our Church Board ensures that our local church mission is clearly stated and understood by our board and congregation.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

2. Church Board members make decisions in light of our local church's mission.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

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3. Board members regularly ask the “big” or right questions to maintain missional strategy, focus and effectiveness.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Church Board

4. The current organization of our Church Board...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
is efficient.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
enables a high-level of participation.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
promotes confidence in us by church members.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
utilizes appropriate committees.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5. Our Church Board designates specific times yearly for prayer and planning.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

6. Our Church Board has approved a property master plan and monitors the maintenance programs sufficiently to be assured that they are not deferred to the detriment of the local church.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Church Board and Pastor Relations

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7. Our Church Board understands the dual responsibilities of our Pastor as “shepherd of the flock” and as the chairperson of the local church board.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

8. Our Board works closely with the Pastor in...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
shaping and evaluating policies for trusted oversight.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
developing strategic plans.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
developing programs.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
providing policy and program reviews.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
providing financial management for the local church.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. There is a climate of mutual trust and support between our Church Board and Pastor.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Member to Member Relations

10. Church Board Members communicate with each other and address conflict situations in a Christ-like manner.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

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11. Discussion among members in Church Board meetings focus on missional, policy and strategic questions, not on personality and personal differences.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

12. Confidential discussions in Church Board meetings remain confidential following our meetings.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Nuts & Bolts

13. Prayer is an important component of our Church Board meetings.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

14. Agendas for Church Board meetings...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
are received in a timely manner.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
include necessary supporting information.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
focus on policy issues and mission planning.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
always include a finance report.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
are shared regularly with the congregation.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

15. Appropriate written minutes of Church Board meetings are maintained and posted.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

16. Church Board Members are elected following Manual guidelines.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

17. An appropriate orientation session is provided yearly for new members.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

18. The size of the Church Board is appropriate for the size of the congregation.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Your Comments

19. The major strengths of our Church Board are:

20. Three Church Board development issues we should focus on for the next 18 months are:

1.
2.
3.

21. Additional Comments