

## **Church Government**

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This is a brief summary of the government of South Church.

The affairs of the church shall be administered by the senior pastor and the official board through the four policy-making boards, or councils, of the church which are subordinate to the official board.

### **Official Board**

- The official board shall be made up of all the elected officers of the church (Senior Pastor, Clerk, Treasurer, Deacons, Trustees, Missions, Christian Education, and Deaconess Chairman)
- other pastors are non-voting ex-officio members
- they meet at least once each year, on the last Wednesday in March
- they draft the church budget for congregational approval
- they approve a list of candidates to be elected by the congregation
- there are over thirty people on this board

### **Deacon Board**

- to direct the overall spiritual life of the church
- they meet monthly
- they serve for a three year term and cannot serve two successive full terms
- there are twelve deacons

### **Trustees Board**

- to supervise the overall physical concerns of the church
- they meet monthly
- they serve a three year term and cannot serve two successive full terms
- there are seven trustees

### **Mission Board**

- to create and foster missionary interest within the church
- to advise the official board regarding a missionary budget
- they serve a three year term and cannot serve two successive full terms
- there are eight people on this board
- an annual mission conference is held each fall

### **Christian Education Council**

- to coordinate all the education programs of the church
- they serve a three year term and cannot serve two successive full terms
- there are six people on this board

### **Clerk, Treasurer**

- these offices are elected annually