



Board Member Commitment Pledge

I, _____, recognizing the important responsibility I am undertaking in serving the Board of Directors of this ministry, hereby pledge to carry out in a trustworthy and diligent manner the duties and obligations in my role as a board member.

My Role: I acknowledge that my primary role as a Board Member is:

1. To contribute to the defining of the organization's Mission Statement and governing the fulfillment of that mission; and
2. To carry out the functions of the office of Board Member and/or Officer, as stated in the Bylaws.

My role as a Board Member will focus on the development of broad policies that govern the implementation of institutional plans and purposes. This role is separate and distinct from the role of the Administrator, who determines the means of implementation.

I Pledge:

1. My attendance at meetings of the Board, committees, and task forces on which I serve. If I am unable to attend, I will contact the organization for an excused absence as soon as possible.
2. To come prepared to discuss the issues and business to be addressed at scheduled meetings, having read the agenda and all background material.
3. To work with and respect the opinions of my peers who serve this Board, and to leave my personal prejudices out of all Board discussions.
4. To always act for the good of the organization and represent the interest of all people served by this charity.
5. To represent this organization in a positive and supportive manner at all times.
6. To observe the parliamentary procedure and display courteous conduct in all Board, committee and task force meetings.
7. To refrain from intruding on administrative issues that are the responsibility of management, except to monitor the results.

8. To avoid conflict of interest between my position as a Board Member and my personal life – including not using my position to the advantage of my friends and business associates. If such a conflict does arise, I will declare that conflict before the Board and refrain from voting on matters in which I have a conflict.
9. To support in a positive manner all actions taken by the Board of Directors, even when I am in a minority position on such actions.
10. To participate in strategic planning retreats, Board self-evaluation programs, and Board development workshops, seminars, and other educational events that may enhance my skills as a Board Member.
11. To keep confidential information confidential at all times.
12. To never exercise my authority as a Board Member except when acting in a meeting with the full Board or as the Board may delegate me to act.

If for any reason, I find myself unable to carry out the above duties to the best of my abilities, I agree to resign my position as a Board Member.

Board Member's signature

Date