

The board as trustees of God's values

In other words, the Board deals with the WHY of ministry (God's values and mission) and the WHAT of ministry (overall purposes to be achieved by the ministry). It does not deal with the HOW of ministry (plans, activities). That is the job of management.

As a board member, therefore, it is important for you to know and understand the values and purposes that make your ministry faithful to God as the One who stands at the head of all we do. As a board member of a Lutheran ministry, it is also important to know and understand what special values our Lutheran heritage and belief system bring to this ministry.

Give some thought and discussion to the following questions:

1. How do you see the role of the Board? Are you trustees of the mission and values of God?
2. How do you understand that mission, and what are those values?
3. How were you chosen to serve as a Board member?
4. Why did you say yes?
5. What gifts do you bring to the Board that may help it stay focused on the WHY and the WHAT of ministry?