

Section 6 - The Board of Christian Education

The Board of Christian Education shall consist of the Pastor(s), Sunday School Superintendent and the Elders.

The basic objectives of this Board are to plan and administer the total educational program of the congregation, to determine policies, to select personnel for the various agencies, to provide the necessary means and facilities for the agencies, and to direct and supervise the entire educational program of the congregation.

.That the objectives of this Board may be carried out, the following specific responsibilities are assigned to the Board of Christian Education.

The Board shall:

1. Be responsible for the Christian nurture of children, youth, and adults in the congregation and, through them, in the community and beyond.
2. Establish objectives, set policies for, and supervise the total education program including the personnel for the Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, confirmation classes, Bible classes, and another educational groups, e.g. Christian Day School, weekday school, etc.
3. Provide for active expression of Christian love and concern as an ' integral part of the total education program.
4. Approve curriculum and analyze performance of each education agency and seek constant improvement.
5. Continually review existing agencies to determine whether all age groups are being served, and recommend revisions and additions as deemed advisable.
6. Make annual 'analyses, by age groups, to determine the degrees of participation of the total membership of the congregation in its total educational program.
7. Maintain a people accounting system" to record members' participation in the education program and to follow up the uninvolved.
8. Be concerned, together with the Board of Young People's Work, for the assimilation of newly confirmed youth into appropriate agencies for study and activity.
9. Work with organizations and other Boards and committees to coordinate educational activities within the congregation.
10. Assist the Board of Evangelism and the Pastor for the recruitment of pupils for the educational agencies of the church.
11. Encourage increasing participation of every congregation member in Bible Study, privately and in formal and informal groups.

12. Delegate administration of educational agencies to qualified persons.
13. Exercise leadership in gathering lists of candidates for vacancies in the Sunday School teaching staff and other educational agencies.
14. Enlist, train, place and continue to train Sunday School teachers and leaders as the congregation's needs require.
15. Establish a system of commendation for and recognition of faithful service-by all persons involved in the educational task of the congregation.
16. Recommend specific classes, courses, conferences, retreats and the like for special purposes subject to the Voters' Assembly approval.
17. Consider provision of special education opportunities for mentally retarded and other handicapped persons.
18. Maintain, improve and cultivate the use of a church library.
19. Provide for and promote-the use of audiovisual aids and to this end establish and maintain a film library.
20. Provide and/or promote subscriptions to church periodicals.
21. Study and adopt or adapt helps suggested by the .education departments of Synod, District, and circuit.
22. Establish and maintain, In conjunction with other boards, a continuing program for the recruitment of full-time workers in the church-at-large such as pastors, teachers, deaconesses, and the like.

23. Annually examine the educational facilities and equipment, and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees as to upkeep, repairs and replacements needed as well as new equipment needed.
24. Check the safety of the education facilities - steps, handrails, lights, exits, housekeeping practices, fire drills and the like on a regular basis.