

Gap Assessment

1. The District Elder Board does not have updated written procedures governing our responsibilities. The most recent version of the written procedures governing our responsibilities was updated in 2002.
2. The District Elders lack consistency across the nation in regard to the way in which we operate as an auxiliary and serve our Bishops.
3. The District Elders lack a clear understanding of our focus and target/mandate as it relates to the vision of our Presider.
4. When possible, District Elders should have a designated time allotted to caucus during the Annual Meeting without disruption of our agenda due to scheduling delays. Occasionally, time is lost waiting outside in foyers when the Bishop Board caucus runs into overtime.
5. District Elders should be informed of how they can assist with church planting and recruitment coordination. Additionally, they should be kept abreast of information made available to prospective pastors so we can distribute consistent information as we seek to recruit new pastors/churches.

Identify 5-10 best practices we observe

1. We are governed by bylaws which define our responsibilities.
2. We are developing a better/greater support system.
3. We are investing in on-going learning and training opportunities to assist us in addressing identified barriers.
4. We are engaged in on-going conversations and training regarding life apart from the church, family, and social time; and empowering others to serve.