

Lexington District Administry Team

Statement of Purpose and Articles of Formation

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Purpose: The mission of the Lexington District Operations Team (LDOT) is to cultivate faithful spiritual leaders who lead churches to sustained vitality. To this end, our team has structured a system of adaptive leadership around principles of leadership development and church health, church growth, and church collaboration.

While this adaptive work is being advanced, however, it remains necessary for the administrative load of the district to also receive attention. Our existing administrative teams have been deeply affected by Covid and denominational disaffiliation. Many of the current members have been lost, and the pool of available leaders is smaller than before.

We propose a new, streamlined structure, centered around a single board called the “Administry Team” that will work in concert with the LDOT to lead the District with the flexibility demanded by these uncertain times and the diligence always due God’s work

Task: The task of the Lexington District Administry Team will be to assume the full authority of and to perform the work previously assigned to the District Trustees, District Committee on Building and Location, and District Superintendency Committee. Each of these teams has historically carried a very light work load. In addition, the District Administry Team would be asked to work together with the District Treasurer to prepare a working budget for each calendar year and to assist the District Superintendent in nominating persons for any vacancies in District level teams.

Make Up: The District Administry team will be made up of nine at large members, including a chairperson selected by the District Superintendent. These members will be made up of three lay men, three lay women, and three clergy members. In addition, The District Lay Leader and the Chairperson of the District Operations Team shall also act as members of the Administry Team. The District Lay Leader and Chair of the District Operations Team, however, will not have vote on any issues before the Administry Team which would previously have been under the authority of the District Trustees.

Commitment: The expected frequency of meetings for the Administry Team is once every two months. During the initial onboarding period, more frequent meetings may be necessary.

Relationships: The Administry Team will be accountable to the District Operations Team, of which the Administry Team’s chairperson will be a full member.

Both the District Committee on Ministry and the District Operational Team will remain accountable directly to the District Superintendent.