

**First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
Board of Directors' Role**

Overall Purpose of the Board:

The Board of Directors is the governing body of the congregation. With support and input from the congregation, it is responsible for providing oversight of the ministry and resources of the church. This seven-person body is elected by the congregation. Board members agree to serve for 2 year staggered terms, and to support both the current mission of the church and the Opening and Affirming Covenant.

Essential tasks:

1. Partnering with the congregation and the Pastor in discerning the movement of the Spirit in the church. Welcoming perceptions and perspectives of the congregation to help discern what God calls the congregation to be and do in the future.
2. Providing financial oversight, strategic direction and policy formation for the church's various ministries, based on the current mission of the church.
3. Ensuring that the work of various committees, teams, and work groups fit into the overall priorities of the church.
4. Supervising and supporting the ministry of the Pastor, developing together annual priorities which move forward the mission of the church.
5. Maintaining confidentiality and communicating with the Pastor, congregation and fellow Board members in a transparent, direct and respectful manner.
6. Meeting at least once 10 times a year as a full Board and participating in smaller work groups as needed.

(Approved at 8/9/19 Board of Directors meeting.)