

Red Hill Baptist Church Simple Rules for Church Council Conduct

- **Think and plan** for your department at least three months out.
- **Arrive on-time** for meetings.
- **Arrive prepared** to present your plans for your department.
- **Give others your full attention and input** as they present their plans.
- **Take an active part** of the council engaging your brothers and sisters with insight, encouragement and patience.
- **DON'T START RABBIT TRAILS!** The counsel will address and complete one item at a time.
- **Quickly give your ideas** with all the details as soon as your time comes.
- **Recognize that you have blind spots** in your thinking and your idea may not be received with the greatest enthusiasm.
- **Take joy** when your idea is tested because there is wisdom in a multitude of counsel.
- **Eagerly withdraw your idea**, when sound objection arises, so that you can think on it some more.
- **Be alligator tough** to criticism or rejection of idea.
- **Strive to minimize mistakes.** Once a mistake is made, count it as a learning experience and continue to encourage one another without seeking to attach blame to any one person.
- **Recognize that we are a council in the making.** A Living Church is always changing... growing. There will be miscommunication and friction.
- **BE PATIENT! ...BE PATIENT!!...BE PATIENT!!!**
- ***LOVE ONE ANOTHER... ESPECIALLY WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO DO SO.***