**A Board Member’s Prayer**

I have been called to serve and I have agreed.

Help me to know my fellow board members:

their gifts, their concerns, their lives.

Help me to welcome conflict as a sign of the diversity in this board;

as an opportunity to reach for creative solutions.

Help me to recognize this diversity as a sign of your capacity to love us all;

help me to cherish this all-inclusive love as pure gift.

Help me to approach issues with an open, inquiring mind;

free from prejudice and dependent on you for the strength to make hard decisions.

Help me to listen; to know when and to whom I should listen.

Help me to learn to use my own gifts to promote thorough, thoughtful discussion of important concerns in our ministry.

Help me to develop my skills as a peacemaker;

to know how and when to mediate, to conciliate, to negotiate.

Help me to enjoy doing this work of unity to which I have been called;

to remember your promise: whenever two of us are gathered in your name, you are with us.

Sit with us now. AMEN

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