

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR DISCERNMENT

of the Mission Board & Senior Pastoral Care Council of Guelph Citadel

The following principles are taken from the book of Acts.

- Willingness for open and honest conflict
- Importance of voicing convictions
- Prepared to share personal perspectives
- Able to challenge leadership
- Awareness of own biases
- Intentional open-mindedness in our ideas/outlooks
- Willingness to dig to the deeper issue and the work it takes to keep focused on the real issue (What is God really wanting?)
- Value the importance of building His Kingdom – not necessarily The Salvation Army
- Look for evidence of God's leading/intent beyond established rules or customs
- Seek council
- Don't put burdens on others, we ourselves are not willing to carry
- Willingness to wrestle/reconcile what Jesus is teaching us or revealing to us through our experiences with his Word
- Listen without being defensive
- Delegate leadership
- Well organized
- Be God centred
- Relinquish control to God