Meeting Protocols for Christians

1) Everything should be done to the Glory of God. ***(Colossians 3:23-24)***
    a. We should strive individually and collectively to seek God's desired outcome based upon His Word and the discernment of the Holy Spirit.

2) Everything should be done decently and in order. ***(I Corinthians 14:40)***
    a. We should be intentional when planning the agenda
    b. We should be mindful of the length of the meetings to maximize attentiveness and reduce confusion.

3) The goal of every meeting should be to encourage one another in our individual and collective service to Christ. ***(Hebrews 10:24-25)***
    a. We should be intentional about positive outcomes that encourage greater service and participation.
    b. We should give positive feedback and critique in the Spirit of Love.

4) Everyone should be sensitive and respectful of the opinions and concerns of all participants. ***(Philippians 4:5)***
    a. We should recognize the right of all to share openly and honestly.
    b. We should be careful not to be contentious even in our disagreement but remain open to understanding other points of view.

5) Each participant should have a personal commitment to Unity. ***(Ephesians 4:1-6)***
    a. We must all understand that nothing can be accomplished if we are not on one accord as the Body of Christ.

6) There should be no personal agendas as the priority should be the good of the body. ***(Philippians 2:3)***
    a. We must realize that it's not about what we want but what God wants for us collectively.

7) Though we are individuals, we must submit to the oneness of the body. ***(I Corinthians 12:12)***
    a. As individuals, once we have voiced our concerns during the process, we must cheerfully respect the right of the majority to govern.