

## Interdependency and Eldership

Proposed Text to include in the Charis Commitment to Common Identity  
under 'A Summary of our Commitments to Biblical Relationships'

The following statements were created after careful consultation of existing 'regional theologies' statements of member associations of the Charis Alliance (often referred to as 'fourth cluster' issues).

By action of the Charis Executive Committee (22 September 2021), member associations are now invited to consider whether these statements should be included as part of the Charis Commitment to Common Identity under Section Three of 'Our Charis Identity: The Shared Commitments of our Global Movement.' The Executive Committee intends to submit these statements for a formal vote at the next Charis International Forum.

2. We affirm that men and women are designed by God to work interdependently to steward creation and to exercise their unique yet complementary roles in the life and ministry of the church.

3. We affirm that in view of the qualifications and examples we see in the New Testament, the leadership position corresponding to the role of elder, in and among the churches, is reserved for men who meet those qualifications.

Please submit any suggestions or comments to [info@charisalliance.org](mailto:info@charisalliance.org).

