

First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton
Nomination Form for the roles of Elder and Deacon

The Congregational Nominating Committee is actively seeking nominations of members of the congregation for consideration to serve in the role of Elder and Deacon. Nominations may be made through October 11, 2009. The new three year term of service begins in May 2010.

Role of Elder

“An Elder should be a person of faith, dedication and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world.” Book of Order Presbyterian Church (USA)

Elders should...

1. Be familiar with or at least open to the current vision of the church (which includes a commitment to relational ministry and group process, as well as different types of worship)
2. Be comfortable with leadership (making tough decisions, speaking up at key meetings, voicing the position of the church, etc.)
3. Have spiritual depth or a spiritual orientation (The Book of Order describes elders as people who “cultivate their ability to teach the Bible”)
4. Have demonstrated through their participation and giving habits their solid support for the life and ministry of this church

Role of Deacon

“Deacon ministry is one of sympathy, witness and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Deacons are persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, and warm sympathies.” (Book of Order)

Deacons should...

1. Have a caring/nurturing personality
2. Be a good listener
3. Use effective communication skills, such as writing, phone, interpersonal, etc.
4. Facilitate involvement of parish families in the life of the church
5. Show care and concern for the congregation by active involvement in a wide variety of organizational roles

Qualifications of church leadership involve character, not specific knowledge or skill. A person’s lifestyle and relationships provide a window into his/her character. It is important to have leaders who can effectively proclaim God’s Word, but it is even more important to have those who can live out God’s Word and be an example for others to follow.

We know that we have a multitude of talents and gifts in our congregation and ask for your prayerful consideration to serve our church. If you know of an individual, or feel the call yourself to serve, please provide the attached information, either by completing this form and placing it in the offering plate or in Jan Buscher’s mail box in the church office.

To: The Congregational Nominating Committee

Name of individual(s) for consideration for the **role of Elder** at First Presbyterian Church Wheaton (Note: If you feel called to serve, your self- referral is welcome)

Please describe particular gifts/talents of this individual and their involvement in the life of the church; i.e.: committee(s), teacher, usher, small group, choir, etc...

Name of individual(s) for consideration for the **role of Deacon** at First Presbyterian Church Wheaton (Note: If you feel called to serve, your self- referral is welcome)

Please describe particular gifts/talents of this individual and their involvement in the life of the church; i.e.: committee(s), teacher, usher, small group, choir, etc...

*Nominations will be treated confidentially.
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