

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Officer Nomination Instructions

The Session of Trinity Presbyterian Church has adopted a policy of rotation and seeks to elect to the class of 2021, all those who are called, qualified and duly elected. Accordingly, we will seek to identify and elect men whom God has called to serve as ruling elders on the Session and deacons on the Diaconate of TPC. For full explanation of the policy of rotation see Pastor Brandon Eggar.

“It belongs to the office of elder, both severally and jointly, to watch diligently over the flock committed to his charge that no corruption of doctrine or of morals enters therein. They must exercise government and discipline, and take oversight not only of the spiritual interests of the particular church, but also the Church generally when called thereunto. They should visit people at their homes, especially the sick. They should instruct the ignorant, comfort the mourner, nourish and guard the children of the Church. They should set a worthy example to the flock entrusted to their care by their zeal to evangelize the unconverted and make disciples. All those duties which private Christians are bound to discharge by the law of love are especially incumbent upon them by divine vocation, and are to be discharged as official duties. They should pray with and for the people, being careful and diligent in seeking the fruit of the preached Word among the flock.” (BCO 8-3)

“It is the duty of deacons to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress. It is their duty also to develop the grace of liberality in the members of the church, to devise effective methods of collecting gifts of the people, and to distribute these gifts among the objects to which they are contributed. They shall have the care of the property of the congregation, both real and personal, and to keep in proper repair the church edifice and other buildings belonging to the congregation. In matter of special importance affecting the property...”(BCO 9-2)

Officer nominations will be held **February 21-March 28**. The following process will be followed to determine the slate of nominees to stand for election to the office of ruling elder and deacon on that date.

CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATION PROCESS

Beginning **February 21, 2021**, church members are invited to recommend male members for nomination to the office of ruling elder and deacon whom they believe possess the giftedness and character to serve as an officer in Christ’s church. A Nomination Request Form is attached to these instructions and may be used to recommend an individual for nomination. Prior to submitting this form, you are encouraged to review:

- ❖ The requirements for the office of elder are found in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9
- ❖ The requirements for the office of deacon are found in 1 Timothy 3:8-13

In order to be nominated to serve as a ruling elder or deacon an individual must be a member in good standing at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Pray that the Lord would give you wisdom and insight as to who to nominate.

ELECTION PROCESS

Following the close of the nomination period on **March 28, 2021**, the Session will review all potential nominees identified through the congregational recommendation process and will select a slate of potential nominees to proceed with further study and stand for examination. Each potential nominee will be asked to complete a written questionnaire covering areas relating to Christian experience, sense of call, theology, Book of Church Order, Bible content and other items. Each potential nominee's wife will also be requested to complete a written questionnaire. On an appointed date the Session will examine the potential nominees and convene to approve their recommendation to the congregation. The Session shall then present the nominees to the congregation (allowing 30 days for prayer and review per BCO 24-1). After which, the nominees shall stand for election in a congregational meeting in **June 2021**.

ORDINATION

A special service of ordination shall be held in **July** or **August** to ordain and install any new elders and deacons.

Click [here](#) to email your ballot to the church office.

ELDER NOMINATION REQUEST FORM

TO: The Session of Trinity Presbyterian Church

Please consider the following church member for the office of ruling elder at Trinity Presbyterian Church:

Church Member Name

I have reviewed the Biblical requirements for the office of ruling elder in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. I believe, by God’s grace, this man possesses these qualities and I have prayed over this request.

Respectfully Submitted,

Signed

Printed Name

Date

DEACON NOMINATION REQUEST FORM

TO: The Session of Trinity Presbyterian Church

Please consider the following church member for the office of deacon at Trinity Presbyterian Church:

Church Member Name

I have reviewed the Biblical requirements for the office of deacon in 1 Timothy 3:8-13. I believe, by God’s grace, this man possesses these qualities and I have prayed over this request.

Respectfully Submitted,

Signed

Printed Name

Date