

## NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS

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The **Nominating Committee** is called to carefully and prayerfully consider qualified members for positions of leadership in the church (elders and deacons). They will soon be meeting to determine a slate of nominees for church offices. You are encouraged and welcome to recommend those members whom you feel are well qualified and eager to serve our church. When recommending a nominee, please consider the following:

- **Church Involvement:** attendance at public worship, participation in church activities, offices previously held
- **Christian Living:** within the family, at work, in the community
- **Personal Characteristics:** cooperativeness, willingness to learn, ability to follow through, openness to new ideas, maturity of judgment.
- Officers serving the church ought to **represent the church**; in other words, the makeup of the congregation as to age, ethnic background, theological perspectives, marital status, etc, should be reflected in the makeup of the officers who serve the church. This is *required* by the Book of Order.
- It is never appropriate to nominate someone to an office *“in order to get them active again”*. Nor is it appropriate to merely nominate someone as a *“reward”* for faithful years of service. Officers should be nominated based upon their current activity in the church **not** their past accomplishments.
- The committee can and should receive input from the congregation at large, however, the decisions are ultimately the responsibility of the Nominating Committee.
- The Committee’s first priority is to nominate people to serve on the Session and the Board of Deacons. However, it is also important for the committees of Session to be fully staffed. Therefore the Nominating Committee can serve as a sort of ‘clearinghouse’ for additional names from the congregation to fill in Session Committees.



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### NOMINATION FORM

I SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING PERSON \_\_\_\_\_

for nomination to the office of

Elder       Deacon

Particular qualifications for this office (optional):

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

Please return to the office by **November 27, 2011**

*Attention: Rod Woods/ Nominating Committee*