

Nomination of Elders and Deacons for the Class of 2014

The Nominating Committee asks Congregation members to give prayerful consideration of the nominating process and to submit the names of members of the congregation to be considered for the ordered ministries of Elder and Deacon for the Class of 2014. Twelve Elders and ten Deacons will be elected by the Congregation to begin their two-year terms of service in January 2013. Please consider the list of General Criteria for Elders and Deacons at OAPC and make your recommendations on the form provided on the other side of this sheet. There is no need to discuss your nomination or to ascertain a person's interest in serving. **Return completed forms to the Church Office by Sunday, March 18, 2012.**

General Criteria for Elders and Deacons at OAPC

- Commitment to Christ, the church, and its mission.
- Regular attendance at public worship.
- Active participation in other church activities.
- Leadership in the life of the church.
- Understanding of and commitment to Presbyterian government.
- Evidence of continuing financial commitment to the church and its mission / making and meeting financial pledge.
- Ability to complete tasks and fulfill responsibilities.
- Willingness to listen to other viewpoints.
- Ability to be a peacemaker of the church.
- Willingness to accept change but resist change for the sake of changing.
- Spouses / Immediate family members will not serve as Officers at the same time.
- An individual will be a member of Oakland Avenue for at least one year before serving as an officer.

Elders: (*Book of Order 2011-2013, G-2.0301*) "... congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are ... are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships."

In our congregation Elders work in and lead the Session Committees: Christian Education, Congregational Care, Congregational Fellowship, Commitment, Communication and Technology, Evangelism, Finance, Missions, Personnel, Property, and Worship. In addition, each year one Elder serves as the Clerk and another as the Vice-Clerk.

Deacons: (*Book of Order 2011-2013, G-2.0201*) "The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry."

In our congregation Deacons are tasked to care for members, to assist people in times of need and to encourage the whole membership of the church to share fully in the life, work and worship of the congregation. A vital part of each Deacon's service is working with a Leadership Team to care for the congregation members in his or her DeaconCare Group.

Nominating Committee 2012: Keith McGuire (Session, Chair), Mary Anna Fulmer (Session, Vice-Chair), Kathy Emerson (Past Chair), Kathy Grier (Diaconate), Leslie Moore (Diaconate), Kathy Hurley (PW), Doris Gardner (Sunday School/CE), Ralph Johnson (Choir/Music), Keith Morton (DeaconCare LT representative), Zander Galloway (At-Large Member of Congregation), Dr. Jim Simpson (Pastor, ex officio), Rev. Mary Katherine Robinson (Associate Pastor, ex officio).

CURRENT CHURCH OFFICERS

Elders Class of 2012

Michael Bollar
Rene Brannan
Chad Echols
Freddy Faircloth
Red Ferguson
David Gault
Buzzy Hall
Bob McCann
Keith McGuire
Martha Purser
Frank Robards
Lynn Snowber-Marini

Elders Class of 2013

Mary Anna Fulmer
Sally Herlong
Marty Jenkins
Jake Modla
Rebecca Oliver
Jimmy Robinson
Fred Smith
Lucinda Sutton
Sandra Thomas
George Trunk
Patrick Williamson
Diane Yarbrough

Deacons Class of 2012

Trista Baird
Mary Kathryn Black
Ruth Greer
Kathy Grier
Daniel Jacumin
Adele Kennedy
Scott Lee
Becky McGinnis
Sally Shive
Dayne Watkins

Deacons Class of 2013

Jim Armour
Greg Ayers
Rebecca Evers
Judy Ferguson
Marty Jackson
Barbara Kurz
Linda Littlejohn
Leslie Moore
Matthew Watkins
Sue Williams

*Sign and return this form to the Church Office by March 18, 2012 to the attention of the Nominating Committee.
Feel free to use other forms or to list additional people. Please include why each person should be considered.*

The name of _____ is given to the Nominating Committee.

This member should be considered for the ordered ministry of ELDER because ...

The name of _____ is given to the Nominating Committee.

This member should be considered for the ordered ministry of DEACON because ...

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____