

## COMMITMENT TO SERVE AS AN ELDER OR DEACON

An Elder or Deacon serves for a three-year term with the potential to serve one more fourth year. Both groups meet once a month and all officers serve on teams that generally meet at least once monthly.

The decision to serve on Session and the Diaconate requires spiritual commitment as well as active participation and leadership in the ongoing work and mission of First Presbyterian Church.

### OPEN POSITIONS FOR CANDIDATES:

ELDERS – 8 Total

- Finance – 1
- Membership – 1
- Missions – 1
- Personnel – 1
- Spiritual Formation – 1
- Worship and Music – 1
- Church Nominating Committee – 2

DEACONS – 12

CNC – Members at Large – 5



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### MY RECOMMENDATIONS

#### I RECOMMEND FOR ELDER(S):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position (**required**): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position (**required**): \_\_\_\_\_

#### I RECOMMEND FOR DEACON(S):

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#### I RECOMMEND FOR CNC:

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#### SUBMITTED BY:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Please be sure to let them know that they have been nominated, prior to submitting this form.**

**Recommendations are due by August 15, 2019  
and may be emailed to:  
Nominating@firstpres.cc**

#### THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Alicia Bresee, *Elder & Moderator*  
Warren Craven, *Elder & Vice-Moderator*  
Tom Nichols, *Deacon*

At Large Members:

David Auld, Kyra Battle, Julie Ehmke, Pam Hickson  
Patrick Wisley, *Teaching Elder Ex Officio*

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ELDER, DEACON, AND CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE POSITIONS

FOR THE TERM COMMENCING  
JANUARY 2020



**First Presbyterian Church**  
Fort Lauderdale, FL

*Seeking those whom  
God has prepared to lead  
our congregation.*

## CANDIDATES TO BE NOMINATED

### ELDERS

The Ruling Elders constitute the *Session* – the governing body which consists of church members and all ordained pastors (who are the congregation's Teaching Elders).

The Session oversees the spiritual life of the church, makes policy decisions, and serves as the congregational authority on all church matters.

#### Elders responsibilities:

- Provide leadership for congregational care, worship, and outreach
- Nurture programs for all ages
- Represent and consider the needs of all members of the congregation
- Oversee the budget process, manage church finances, and maintain the repair and security of the church property

### DEACONS

The Deacons constitute the *Diaconate*. Deacons are exemplified by their witness, compassion, and service as exemplified by Jesus Christ. They should be persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly or sisterly love and sound judgement.

#### Deacon responsibilities:

- Prepare and serve home communion
- Coordinate prayer ministry
- Assist hospitality with funeral receptions
- Provide pastoral care vis-à-vis visits and cards
- Card and flower ministry
- Soup ministry

## CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE (CNC)

CNC members are responsible for prayerfully recommending to the congregation a slate of nominees to fill Session and Diaconate vacancies. On the committee are two members from Session, one from the Diaconate, and five At-Large Members from the congregation.

### SEEKING GOD'S SERVANTS:

#### Nomination Guidelines

First Presbyterian Church seeks Elders and Deacons who are **called** by God, **led** by the Spirit, and **demonstrate** a vibrant, winsome relationship with Christ. A church officer is a function of servant-based ministry whereby a person's giftedness matches particular needs and ministry functions in the church at a particular time. Election of an officer is an act of spiritual calling and not an act of popularity. Once ordained, he or she is ordained for life.

#### Candidates shall:

- Consistently demonstrate Christian witness to others
- Possess the heart and passion to selflessly give of his or her time, energy, imagination, and love, to the work of the Church of Jesus Christ
- Be an active member of the church and had enough time to possess a depth of wisdom and discernment for his or her service
- Represent the diversity of the congregation and seek inclusion

All nominees for Elder and Deacon are to demonstrate the six pillars of Christ-Followership as outlined under the Great Ends of the Church (Book of Order, F-1.04). These pillars are undergirded by our church's vision to:

- **LEAD** people to Jesus Christ,
- **LEARN** about our faith,
- **LIVE** a Christ-centered life, and
- **LOVE** our neighbor through ministries of service and compassion.

The Congregational Nominating Committee is seeking as candidates loyal church members who affirm and exhibit an active and diligent journey towards a greater intimacy with Christ.

Some questions revolving around the Great Ends of the Church to keep in mind about those you are recommending:

1. Does he or she attend worship regularly?
2. Is he or she growing in personal faith through regular study of Scripture in corporate and personal devotion? Does he or she participate in a small group?
3. Does he or she possess a servant's heart, i.e. one that reaches out to serve others in deeds of love and compassion?
4. Is it evident to outsiders that he or she is a caring Christ-follower?
5. Does he or she attempt to invite others into the life of the congregation?
6. Is he or she committed to stewardship? An Elder or Deacon should be one who makes and honors his or her pledge. Giving is a spiritual issue.