

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS



What is the difference between the office of elder and deacon?

Elders serve by leading our church in faithfulness to God's Word and a commitment to the transforming power of the gospel. *Elders* are responsible of the spiritual oversight of our church family, and this primarily involves discipleship, shepherding, teaching, and making decisions that reflect our mission and vision. Deacons lead by serving, as they help our congregation become the hands and feet of gospel ministry. *Deacons* are responsible for the physical and tangible needs of our church, and this primarily involves maintenance of church building and grounds, ministering to those in need, and faithful stewardship of church finances.

The best candidates are those you see already "elder-ing" or "deacon-ing" in the life of our church.

How do you make a nomination?

First, you must be a member of Cornerstone Church.

Second, you should read I Tim. 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9 to understand the Biblical qualifications for elder, and I Tim. 3:8-13 and Acts 6:1-6 to understand the Biblical qualifications for deacon.

Third, pray for wisdom from God's Spirit as you discern whether the person you have in mind is a good candidate.

Fourth, fill out the nomination form on the opposite side of this informational page. In filling the nomination out we request that you get the permission of your candidate as well as the affirmation of at least one other church member.

Fifth, once the form is completed, drop the form in the offering box near the back of the sanctuary or hand it to an existing elder.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the elders. Their contact information can be found in the directory or by calling the church office at (262) 646-6445.

The ordinary and perpetual classes of office in the Church are elders and deacons. Within the class of elder are the two orders of teaching elders and ruling elders. The elders jointly have the government and spiritual oversight of the Church, including teaching. Only those elders who are specially gifted, called and trained by God to preach may serve as teaching elders. The office of deacon is not one of rule, but rather of service both to the physical and spiritual needs of the people. In accord with Scripture, these offices are open to men only.

-The Book of Church Order (PCA) 7-2

CORNERSTONE CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATION FORM

I am a communicant member of Cornerstone Church and I hereby nominate _____
_____ for the office of elder/ deacon (*circle one*).

After having carefully reviewed I Timothy 3:1-13, Titus 1:5-9 and Acts 6:1-6, and having prayed about this, I believe that the Lord has equipped this man to serve as an officer of Cornerstone Church. I understand that he must complete the necessary officer training and then be approved by the Cornerstone Session before he may stand for election to office.

1. How long have you known the nominee?

In what relationship?

2. Has he ministered to you personally?

If so, in what capacity and for how long?

3. Considering the attributes of elders and deacons as listed in

1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:6-9, what do you believe are this nominee's particular strengths and areas of spiritual giftedness?

4. I *have* spoken to this man. What was his response to the nomination?

5. On a separate document/email please add any additional comments that may assist the nominee and/or the Session throughout the time of training and evaluation.

Signed:

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

2nd Member Signature (not family member):

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____