

Deacon Board Selection Process

Elections

1. The Chairperson of the Deacon Board initiates the election of new Deacons and Deaconesses who are elected for a six year term of office. Unless circumstances dictate otherwise, husband and wife shall be nominated and considered as one in this process.
2. Two couples or four people are to be elected each year.
3. Three months prior to the election, on three consecutive Sundays, voting members of the congregation will be asked to prayerfully submit names of prospective Deacons. Nomination forms will be provided on which will be Timothy 3: 8-13 and a list of those currently serving on the Deacon Board.
4. Beginning with those who have received the most nominations and going down the list in descending order, the Pastoral Staff and the Deacon Board will consider the qualifications of those whose names have been submitted and ascertain their willingness to serve until the needed number of nominees has been reached.
5. When at least two couples or four people have agreed to serve on the Deacon Board, those names will be submitted to the congregation for approval. A majority vote in the affirmative will be required to be elected to the Deacon Board. If any candidates do not receive a majority vote then another election will be held.
6. The election will be held during the Fall Congregational Business meeting. If there are an insufficient number of nominees at that time, a special election may be held following the guidelines in the Constitution Article VI, Sec. 2 for special meetings.
7. Vacancies in unexpired terms may be temporarily filled by the Deacon Board with in-active Deacons and Deaconess, with approval of the Official Board, only until the next election. Then a Deacon couple must be elected to fill the remainder of the unexpired term.
8. After completing a six year term, a couple would be eligible to choose one of four options:
 - a.) Take a one year sabbatical.
 - b.) Pending re-election, serve another six year term.
 - c.) Continue to serve on a year-to-year basis to cover an open term not currently filled, but only for the length of the original term.
 - d.) Go to inactive status.
9. Ordination of those elected will take place as soon as possible after the election. Those who have already been ordained and are serving more than one term on the Deacon Board will not need to be ordained again.
10. Terms of office will begin the first of January for those newly elected, unless a special election has been held, in which case the term shall begin after ordination.

Vacancies may occur on the Deacon Board through withdrawal of membership in this congregation, written resignation, death or recall. Deacons and Deaconesses may be recalled by a majority vote of the Deacon Board and Official Board.