



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEADERSHIP NOMINATION FORM

NOTE: Only members in good standing may participate in the nomination process of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

STEPS TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE:

1. **VERIFY** with your candidate that he or she is a member of Trinity Church.
2. **ASK** your candidate if he or she is willing to serve.
3. If the answers are "yes," then **SUBMIT** their names using the form below.
4. **SIGN** and **DATE** this form.
5. **SEND** the form to Trinity Church, ATTN.: Nominations, 15 Elm Place, Suite A-14., Rye, NY 10580, or by fax to 914.967.2047.
6. **EMAIL:** If you prefer, you may submit a nomination by email at administrator@trinitychurch.cc. Please note specifically that those whose names are being submitted have agreed to being nominated.
7. **DEADLINE:** August 31, 2010

For elder:

For deacon:

Your Name (print) _____ Date ____/____/____

Member Signature* _____

* I have asked the above candidates and they have agreed to the nomination.

The Ministries of Elders and Deacons

Elders (sometimes known as “ruling elders”) assist the clergy in the pastoral care of the people of the church and help lead the church in terms of its theological vision and philosophy of ministry. The pastors and elders (except any elders on sabbatical, elders emeriti, etc.) together make up the church’s Session, which is led by the senior pastor. Elders also join with the pastors in the broader councils of the church (Presbytery and General Assembly).

Deacons are men and women who are involved in a broad variety of ministries, both within Trinity Church and in the broader community. Historically, deacons have had a special focus on ministries to the needy, and some of Trinity Church’s deacons serve on the congregation’s Mercy Team; other deacons serve in a wide variety of ministries. Deacons also assist the pastoral staff and the elders in articulating and implementing the theological vision of the church, including regular meetings together. They are recognized ministry leaders who exemplify the mission and vision of Trinity Church.

Qualifications for Elders and Deacons

Calling, which is both inward and outward. A candidate should desire to serve and should be recognized by others as possessing the gifts and graces necessary for the task.

Character. Though no church leader is perfect, he or she must be exemplary, modeling in a consistent way the character of Christ. For a biblical summary of character qualifications, see I Timothy 1-3 and Titus 1:5-9.

Competency. God calls elders and deacons to serve in varying ways. A candidate should evidence the inclination and ability to fulfill the particular leadership role.

- **Elder candidates** should be able to equip and care for people spiritually. They need to know the Scriptures and be able to teach the Scriptures to others. They should be comfortable praying with people in need and be visionary leaders—not “micro-managing” but focusing on the church’s theological vision. They must also be willing to participate in the broader councils of the church.
- **Deacon candidates** should demonstrate a practical and caring spirit. They should be willing to serve in such a way to free the pastors and elders to focus on their particular responsibilities. They should be comfortable praying with people and helping those with various needs.

Compatibility. Candidates need to understand and embrace the theological vision and philosophy of ministry of Trinity Church and evidence a willingness to work as a team with the existing leaders.

Comprehension. Candidates need to understand and accept Trinity Church’s convictions about theology, worship, mission, and polity. Elders and deacons are required to give assent to the Presbyterian and Reformed theological tradition.