

## Elder and Deacon Nomination Form

**“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17**

Your nominating Committee is in the process of seeking church members for consideration as Elders and Deacons to serve for the next three years. Your suggestions are extremely important in the candidate selection process. We encourage you to forward any recommendations that you may have. The Church Constitution and Bylaws require that potential candidates for church offices meet the following criteria:

1. A member in good standing, known to be a dedicated, loyal and faithful Christian
2. A member known for his/her willingness to accept leadership responsibilities as an Elder or Deacon who can devote their time and talents to support essential church functions.
3. A member of RB Community for a minimum of one year, and if a former employee, must have been off staff for 12 months.
4. Knowledge of Covenants & Polity (we can provide this to you)

### What do Elders and Deacons Do?

An **Elder** is a spiritual leader who helps discern God’s direction for the church and supports staff as they implement the church’s ministries. Elders make it a priority to be a disciple of Jesus and to disciple others. An Elder is also an administrator with the gift of leadership, one who serves the church as a member of Session by assisting with strategic planning and decision-making, to carry out the vision of God’s plan. Elders might serve as committee chairs, ministry helpers and liaisons to team leaders, staff and congregation under the direction of RB Community pastors. Elders participate in a variety of teams, such as Administration/Finance, Human Resources, Nominating Committee, Worship, Congregational Care and Mission Committees as active members and leaders. Normally, Elders meet monthly.

A **Deacon** is a spiritual leader with the gift of compassion who serves the church and community with a vision of God’s plan. Deacons serve by assisting with ministries that meet the physical and spiritual needs of the congregation and the community. Deacons help provide for the ill and those in need, oversee the flower ministry, communion preparation and clean-up, assist with mission outreach and partner with congregational care ministries to bless our community. Normally, Deacons meet monthly.

-----Please Complete the section below-----

**Nominee’s Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

(PRINT—You may volunteer yourself as a nominee)

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check one:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Elder** \_\_\_\_\_ **Deacon**

**Have you informed the Nominee of your nomination?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Submitted by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone or email** \_\_\_\_\_

(Please PRINT your name)

Please submit this form electronically to Amy Wazny at [arwazny23@gmail.com](mailto:arwazny23@gmail.com) or print and drop off at the church office.

Thank you!

**“As each one has received a gift, minister it to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” I Peter 4:10**