



Title: Nomination of Church Council

Policy #: 46

EXPIRES: When Replaced

ISSUED BY: Church Council

SIGNED:

1 History

VERSION	DATE APPROVED	UPDATED BY	PURPOSE FOR CREATION/UPDATE
1.0	1/19/21	STEFANIE TRAKEL	SET GUIDELINES FOR THE NOMINATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

2 Scope

This policy is part of St. Paul Lutheran Church's organizational policies. This policy applies to the Nominating Committee and the Church Council.

3 Policy

A Nominating Team will be formed each year to prepare a slate of qualified candidates who are 21 years of age or older from among the confirmed members of the congregation. Members of the Ministry Staff and other paid staff members shall not be eligible to serve in elected positions of the congregation. Only male candidates shall be eligible for the position of Head Elder. The Team shall seek multiple candidates for the elective offices, however having only one name on the ballot is permissible. Nomination to a different office does not terminate the current office term.

4 Procedure

1. Normally, in early January, the President shall appoint, and the Church Council shall approve the appointment of the Nominating Team consisting of four (4) voting members, one of whom will be a member of the Church Council. The Senior Pastor and the Director of Church Administration will serve as resources for the team. The Church Council member will be designated as the chairman of the team. Such action shall be published in Church Council Minutes.

2. The Nominating Team will put together a list of potential candidates that are eligible for office according to Articles III and VII of the Constitution and the guidelines in Form X135.
 3. Team members will speak with nominees to determine if they are willing to serve.
 4. Notice shall also be given that names of potential candidates may be submitted on a Nomination Form to the Team by voting members of the Congregation.
 - a. Voting members nominating a candidate for office must secure the consent of the candidate prior to submitting the candidate's name to the Nominating Team.
 - b. The Nominating Team shall interview all candidates nominated by voting members to determine that they are eligible for office according to Articles III and VII of the Constitution, Form X135 and are willing to serve.
 - c. Such candidates will be placed on the ballot along with the candidates already chosen.
 5. The Nomination Period will close 6 weeks prior to the election.
 6. The ballot must be finalized at least 4 weeks prior to the election.
 7. A slate of candidates shall be published 4 weeks prior to the election.
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5 Forms

X130 – Nomination Form Presidential Year

X131 – Nomination Form Vice Pres Year

X135 – Guidelines for Qualification of Leadership