

ELDERS



GOD'S FAITHFUL SHEPHERDS

Governing Elder Selection



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Leadership in the Church

1 Timothy 3

Qualities of a Governing Elder

In addition to the qualifications listed in 1 Timothy 3, a Governing Elder must be a member of CLC, actively using his/her gift(s) in ministry, spiritually mature, respected in our community and possess discernment, wisdom, and leadership ability. They must willingly abide by the mission/vision/values of CLC and sign the Covenant for Office-bearers.

How are Governing Elders Selected?



1) Receive Nominations

Congregation completes nomination form with name(s) of qualified candidates.

2) Nominees Contacted Confidentially

Nominees are asked to prayerfully consider their nomination and accept or decline.

3) The List is Published

We celebrate publically the list of those who have agreed to serve as elder giving the congregation time to prayerfully consider those nominated.

4) The List is Finalized

The current elder board, taking in to consideration a variety of relevant criteria, will create the final list for selection.

5) New Elder Selection by Lot

Names are drawn from assembled lot to fill the vacancies.

Governing Elder Mandate

The Governing Elders have four purposes: Prayer, Monitoring, Advising, and Deciding. They meet monthly to perform this function but may have additional tasks based on circumstances.

Prayer

Meetings begin and end with prayer for our church, it's people, God's wisdom, discernment and direction.

Monitoring

Maintain general oversight (Policies and Procedures) of Worship, Discipleship, Service Missions, Evangelism, and Prayer.

Advising

Assist pastors with vision casting, represent CLC at Classis, approve reports and provide leadership at congregational meetings.

Deciding

Provide ministry boundaries through clear policies and defined procedures. Approve strategic, tactical, and conceptual plans.



How well do you know the person?

You'll be asked to provide a couple reasons you feel they would make a good Elder.

Our church is big.

The current Elders may know very little about your nominee(s). They may wish to call you. Don't forget your contact info.



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