

ELDERS



GOD'S FAITHFUL SHEPHERDS

**Shepherding Elder
Selection**



**COVENANT LIFE
CHURCH**

Leadership in the Church

1 Timothy 3

Qualities of a Shepherding Elder

In addition to the qualifications listed in 1 Timothy 3, a Shepherding 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 Shepherding 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.

Shepherding Elder Mandate

The Shepherding Elders meet monthly and perform the following functions. They may have additional tasks based on circumstances.

Pastoral Care

Determine and oversee the system of pastoral care.

Shepherding Ministries

Oversee and encourage those charged with the shepherding ministries.

Care Ministry

Work with the Care Ministry of Covenant Life so that the needs are met within the congregation and the community.

Prayer

Regularly pray for the needs of the congregation.

Contact

Maintain regular contact with the congregation of Covenant Life Church.

Profession of Faith

Hear profession of faith for young adults and new Christians.

Records

Provide information to CLC administrative staff in order to maintain accurate records on the membership of Covenant Life Church.

Restorative Care

Oversee the regular celebration of communion.

Reports

Report to the Governing Board quarterly and share minutes monthly.

Classis

Provide appropriate contact with Classis.

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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