

NOMINATIONS FORM: Deacons and Elders

The Presbyterian Church believes that certain responsibilities within the life of the church should be assigned to officers who have been called and ordained to fulfill particular functions. We believe that none other than the Triune God calls to office those in the church. God in Christ through the Holy Spirit calls by giving gifts and abilities to certain Partners in Ministry (Members) which qualify them to perform special functions in the life of the Christian community.

The Book of Order states that the standard for all officers is the ministry of Jesus, and thereby one of service. Speaking of all officers, our Constitution [G-6.0106] specifies:

In addition to possessing the necessary gifts and abilities, natural and acquired, those who undertake particular ministries should be persons of strong faith, dedicated discipleship, and love of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel in the Church and in the world.

In addition, it is emphasized that elders should be persons of good judgement, because of their responsibilities for governance and for the overall life of the church.

The office of the deacon is described in the Book of Order [G-6.0401] as follows:

The office of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office.

The Mendocino Presbyterian Church Nominating Committee welcomes your discernment in identifying persons in our church family who could serve as Elders and Deacons. Please consider the people that you know who have gifts in line with those cited above. Please place your nomination form in the offertory, or email your recommendations to the church office (office@mendopres.org) or fill out the attached form and send back to church office.

Please note: You can nominate multiple persons (including yourself) for the Elder and/or Deacon positions

I nominate: _____ for Elder

I nominate: _____ for Deacon

For the following reasons:

Your name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____