

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN

ALL-CHURCH NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The All-Church Nominating Committee is in the process of developing a slate of church officers who will serve for the next three years or one year term. The Committee needs your help in identifying potential leaders in our church to serve as Elders (3-year term), Deacons (3-year term) and as members of our All Church Nominating Committee (1-year term) and Audit Committee (1-year term).

Please give prayerful consideration to those people who you know are active and involved in our church community and who would be strong leaders for us in the future. Additionally, review the responsibilities below and consider where you have the time, talents and willingness to serve our congregation yourself in this important way.

The All-Church Nominating Committee will consider all recommendations as it develops a slate of candidates for each board. **Please submit your "Recommendation" forms by March 11th** so that your suggestions and comments will assist us in our process.

Remember that your recommendations are not nominations and you do not have to ask a person's permission before submitting their name. The Committee is interested in knowing who you believe would be the best leaders and particularly if you are interested in serving on a board.

To help you in your considerations and making recommendations, following are the responsibilities and duties of the different boards:

ELDERS/TRUSTEES

"Together with the Ministers of the Word of Sacrament, Elders/Trustees exercise leadership, government, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a particular church as well as the church at large, including ecumenical relationships. *(from the Book of Order, G-2.0301)* Our governing Unicameral Board is also called the "Session".

In our church, the responsibilities include:

- Active leadership through faithful attendance at worship and participation in church programs and activities.
- Attend monthly stated meetings.
- Serve on, and possibly chair, a church commission or committee. (Meet once a month)
- Assist in serving the Sacrament of Communion to the congregation.
- Formally receive new members into the congregation at special called meetings.
- Support, participate in and assist with church stewardship programs.

DEACONS

"Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office." *(from the Book of Order, G-2-0201)* The Deacons ministry is one of compassion, witness and service.

In our church, the responsibilities include:

- Active leadership through faithful attendance at worship and participation in church programs and activities
- Attend monthly stated meetings.
- Assist in serving the Sacrament of Communion to the congregation.
- Participate on a team that involves a different activity once a month – flower delivery, visitation partner, and visitation at Whispering Knoll Assisted Living in Edison. Each requiring approximately 1 to 2 hours of time per month.
- Support, participate in and assist with church stewardship programs.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE

A Commission is a body provided for by the Session, or Unicameral Board, of the Church to oversee a particular part of the Church's life and ministry. Each Commission has the authority to carry out the goals established by the Unicameral Board, and regularly reports its decision and actions to that Board

A Committee carries out specific tasks and reports to a Commission. In our church, the responsibilities include:

- Attend monthly stated meetings.
- Identify needs and opportunities for Church action
- Discuss, deliberate and decide on actions to be taken (to meet the needs and/or seize the opportunities) for ministry
- Communicate, confer and coordinate with other interested areas of Church ministry before a final decision is made or action taken
- Initiate action by assigning specific responsibilities, setting time limits, and monitoring task to completion.

Christian Education Commission

Sunday School and Confirmation Class, Adult Education
Vacation Bible School, Triennium, Young Presbyterian Women, Scouts
Library and Community Nursery School

Congregational Life Commission

Membership, Events of Fellowship, Church Directory
300th Anniversary, Health & Wellness and Presbyterian Women

Finance Commission

Audit, Buildings & Grounds
Insurance, Investments & Endowment
Memorial Gifts
Technology

Mission & Outreach Commission

Food Pantry, Local Mission
Benevolent Grants
International Peace and Social Justice

Personnel Commission

Performance Review, Staff Support

Stewardship Commission

On-going interpretation, implementation, and development of our stewardship program

Worship, Arts & Community Life Commission

Indonesian Fellowship, Sanctuary & Sacraments,
Music and Arts, Ushers and Greeters.

Youth Commission

Youth Fellowship, Mission Trip, 30-Hour Famine, and Young Adults

NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS: WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE!

The All Church Nominating Committee (ACNC) invites your recommendations for a new crop of church officers whose term will begin on July 1. The entire church membership votes on a final slate of candidates at a congregational meeting in May. New officer training will be held in June.

We are asking the entire congregation to identify the best possible candidates whom you feel God is calling to take positions of responsibility for the lay leadership of our church. The ACNC is hard at work identifying candidates for Deacons, Ruling Elders, the Community Nursery School Board liaison, the Audit Committee, and the members-at-large of the All Church Nominating Committee for next year. Specifically, with your help, the ACNC will identify six deacons (plus one youth deacon), and six Ruling Elders (plus one youth Ruling Elder), in addition to three Audit Committee members, three at-large ACNC members, and one CNS liaison, to replace those rotating off the boards they currently serve.

We ask that you prayerfully recommend members of our church in whom you sense God's call to be servant leaders of our community. You may even recommend yourself. Recommendation forms are available at the church office, in the sanctuary narthex, online on our website www.fpcweb.org/ACNC, and here:

I nominate for **(circle one)**: Elder, Youth Elder, Deacon, Youth Deacon,
Audit Committee, ACNC, CNS Board

Church member: _____

For the following reasons: _____

I have spoken with the nominee and s/he is willing and able to serve.

Dated: _____ Submitted by (optional): _____

The deadline for submission is Sunday March 11, 2018. Completed forms can be dropped off in the nomination boxes marked "ACNC" at the church office and in the Narthex after church, or by sending an e-mail to a member of the ACNC. This year's ACNC members are: John Fong, Margo Gunsser, David Kozo, Beverly Mahon, and Cathy Ostermueller. Member Ex-Officio is Rev. Ellen Clark Clémot.

Recommendations for the All-Church Nominating Committee

I would like to recommend _____
(Please print name)

for consideration as: ELDER/TRUSTEE () DEACON ()
AUDIT COMMITTEE () ACNC () *CNS Board ()

This person has shown particular qualifications and skills in the following ways:

a.) Participation in church activities: _____

b.) Personal characteristics and works: _____

c.) Particular qualifications for this office and other comments:

Signed _____

Do not hesitate in submitting your own name for consideration.

Please return this form to the church office or put it in the designated box in the Narthex on or before March 11. If you have any questions or comments that you feel would aid the committee in doing its job, please contact any of the all-church nominating committee members. Thank you for your assistance in identifying potential leaders.

*Community Nursery School (CNS) Board normally makes recommendations for church member trustees, but may seek guidance from the church.

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