

RESPONSIBILITIES

Elders constitute the Session, our governing body. They oversee the spiritual life of the church, make policy decisions, and serve as the congregational authority on all church matters. Elders provide leadership for worship, congregational care, outreach, and nurture programs for all ages. They are stewards of the church's resources, overseeing the budget process, managing church finances, and maintaining repair and security of church property. All 18 of NPC's elders are trustees of the church corporation, a Maryland corporation known as The National Presbyterian Church, Inc. In that capacity, elders are responsible for exercising fiduciary responsibilities and for governing the church. According to the by-laws of NPC at least one-third of the active elders on Session must possess particular skills and experience in finance, business, legal and property matters. All elders should be spiritually mature and demonstrate graciousness in their personal walk with Christ. *Time commitment required: at least 15-20 hours/month*

Deacons seek to build an experience of Christian community for all members, particularly through parish ministry. Each deacon serves a parish, organizing it to strengthen relationships and encourage mutual caring and support. They should be spiritually mature and demonstrate a caring concern for the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of fellow believers. *Time commitment required: 8-12 hours/month*

2012 Officer Nominating Committee is responsible for prayerfully recommending to the congregation a slate of nominees for the coming year to fill vacancies on each of the boards and on next year's nominating committee. They should be spiritually mature, discerning, capable of maintaining confidentiality, and active participants in fostering a ministry of grace in the work and mission of NPC. *Time commitment required: 15-20 hours/month when active*

NPC Fund for Charitable Giving facilitates estate giving to the benefit of members and the church. Individuals must be elected to serve as trustees on the Board of the NPC Fund for Charitable Giving. *Time commitment required: 1-3 hours/month*

SEEKING GOD'S SERVANTS

Guidelines for Christian leadership are found principally in the following New Testament passages. Please prayerfully contemplate them prior to recommending someone.

"Now there are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates them in everyone."

—1 Corinthians 12:4-6

"So then, others ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful."

—1 Corinthians 4:1-2

"For an overseer must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict."

—Titus 1:7-9

"Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by constraint but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away."

—1 Peter 5:2-4

Personal Criteria

- Jesus Christ is their personal Lord and Savior
- Humbly live as a mature Christian
- Practice daily prayer and Bible study
- Participate in a discipleship group
- NPC member and attends NPC worship
- Demonstrates stewardship of their time, talent, and treasure
- Participates in the life and service of NPC
- Familiar with Presbyterian polity

Characteristics and Skills

- Maturity of judgment
- Graciously works with others
- Willingness to learn
- Ability to complete projects
- Openness to new ideas

MY RECOMMENDATION

I am recommending for: *(please circle)*

- **Elder** • **Deacon**
- **2012 Officer Nominating Committee**
- **Board of NPC Fund for Charitable Giving**

PLEASE COMPLETE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (H) _____

(O) _____

E-mail _____

Occupation _____

It is not necessary to contact this person in order to submit a recommendation.

Please give reasons for recommending this member. You may wish to include: commitment to Christ and to the mission of this church; involvement in the life of NPC; maturity of Christian character; leadership abilities; special talents, gifts, and experience that this person possesses:

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COMMITMENT

Officers are normally elected to a three-year term (2012–2015). Officer Nominating Committee members serve a one-year term. Regular meetings of the Session and Board of Deacons occur on the fourth Monday evening of each month. Board members serve on committees that generally meet monthly. In addition, officers may have special duties throughout the year. The Officer Nominating Committee meets as often as once a week. Board and committee membership represent both a spiritual commitment and a commitment to participating actively in the work and mission of NPC. Leadership training generally occurs prior to the beginning of the new term.

2011 Officer Nominating Committee

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Nominating Procedure

Solicit recommendations from NPC members, organizations, and NPC staff. Evaluate members recommended using Biblical standards; consult pastors; rank in terms of experience, qualifications and availability. Pray for guidance. Finally, approach the potential candidate, explain the position, and obtain permission to nominate.

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RECOMMENDATION FOR CHURCH OFFICE

For the term commencing 2012



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God has prepared to lead
our congregation to*

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Submitted by: _____

Phone: (H) _____

(O) _____

E-mail _____

Please return this form to the Officer Nominating Committee by placing it in the designated box at church entrances, or by mail:

ATTN: Officer Nominating Committee
National Presbyterian Church
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This form is also available on NPC's web site:
www.NationalPres.org

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