

## Nomination (for Elder or Deacon)

**“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17**

Your nominating committee is in the process of seeking church members for consideration as Elders and Deacons to serve for the next three years. Your suggestions are extremely important in the candidate selection process. We encourage you to forward any recommendations that you may have. The Church Constitution and Bylaws require that potential candidates for church offices meet the following criteria:

1. A member in good standing, known to be a dedicated, loyal and faithful Christian.
2. A member known for his/her willingness to accept leadership responsibilities as an Elder or Deacon who can devote their time and talents to support essential church functions.
3. A member of RB Community Presbyterian Church for a minimum of one year, and, if a former employee, must have been off staff for 12 months.

### What do Elders and Deacons do?

An **Elder** is a spiritual leader who helps discern God's direction for the church and supports staff as they both implement the church's ministries. Elders make it a priority to be a disciple of Jesus and to disciple others. An Elder is also an administrator with the gift of leadership, one who serves the church as a member of Session by assisting with strategic planning and decision-making to carry out the vision of God's plan. Elders might serve as ministry helpers and liaisons to team leaders, staff and congregation members under the direction of the pastors. Elders are expected to serve as leaders and active members on a committee, such as Administration/Finance, Human Resources, Officer Nominating Committee, Worship, Missions, Youth/Family, Hospitality, Communications and Stewardship. Normally, Elders meet monthly in Session and as needed on their respective committee.

A **Deacon** is a spiritual leader with the gift of compassion who serves the church and community with a vision of God's plan. Deacons serve by assisting with ministries that meet the physical and spiritual needs of the congregation and the community. Deacons help those in need, oversee the flower ministry, communion preparation and clean-up, assist with mission outreach and partner with congregational care ministries to bless our community. Normally, Deacons meet monthly.

----- Please complete the section below on line or print and fill out -----

*Please note you can nominate another person or yourself. You do not need the nominee's permission.*

Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Check one: \_\_\_\_\_ Elder \_\_\_\_\_ Deacon

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or email \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this form electronically to Terry Elrod at [terryaddie3@gmail.com](mailto:terryaddie3@gmail.com) or drop off printed copy at the church office.

Thank you!

“As each one has received a gift, minister it to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” 1 Peter 4:10

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