

THE NOMINATION OF ELDERS

Our church's Book of Order says this about the office of elder:

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament Church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders . . . are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session. When elected as commissioners to higher councils, ruling elders participate and vote with the same authority as teaching elders, and they are eligible for any office.

(G-2.03)



The Session is composed of three classes of eight elders plus one youth elder. The congregation will elect:

- Eight elders to serve 3-year terms in the Class of 2022 (May 2019-May 2022) and
- One youth elder to serve a one-year term with the Class of 2020 (May 2019-May 2020).

The Representative Nominating Committee (RNC), at the direction of the Session, presents a slate of nominees to serve as elders on the Session; a slate of nominees to serve on the RNC; and as needed, a slate of members of a Pastor Nominating Committee, Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, or Interim Pastor Nominating Committee. Names are placed in nomination before the congregation at a congregational meeting called by the Session for that purpose.

Any active member of Shallowford Presbyterian Church may be recommended for the office of elder or to serve on the Representative Nominating Committee. *To recommend someone, please list one or more names on this form and place the form in the offering plate or return it to the church office by Sunday, February 17.*

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this important matter.

The Representative Nominating Committee
Lyn Turknnett, Chair

RECOMMENDATION FORM

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RNC RECOMMENDATIONS	
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