

YOUR SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE!

The 2010 Officer Nominating Committee will soon be preparing a list of nominees for the offices of elder and deacon, Class of 2013. Please use the form below for your suggested names to be considered by the committee. Submit your suggestions no later than June 13, 2010 via either the offering plate, or through the church office, or to any of the following members of the Committee: Margaret Desio, Ch., Terrell Sweezy, Swaim Strong, Charles Rawls, Gail Latham, Steve Hartsell, Laurie Lowder, Denise Milliken, and Craig Levan.

Please read the following *Book of Order* descriptions of each office before prayerfully considering whom to suggest. Thank you.

The Elder

According to the *Book of Order* (G-6.0304), "It is the duty of elders, individually and jointly, to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation committed to their charge.

- Together with the pastor, they should
 - Encourage the people in the worship and service of God,
 - Equip and renew them for their tasks within the church and for their mission in the world,
 - Visit and comfort and care for the people, with special attention to the poor, the sick, the lonely, and those who are oppressed.
- They should inform the pastor and session of those persons and structures which may need special attention.
- They should assist in worship.
- They should cultivate their ability to teach the Bible and may be authorized to supply places which are without the regular ministry of the Word and Sacrament."

The Deacon

According to the *Book of Order* (G-60402), "It is the duty of the deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress may be delegated to them from time to time by the session, such as leading the people in worship both within and beyond the community of faith. They shall assume such other duties as through prayers of intercession, reading the Scriptures, presenting the gifts of the people, and assisting with the Lord's Supper.

Elder

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Deacon

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