

NOMINATION FOR DEACON

First Presbyterian Church

Form of Government. Chapter 5, Concerning Deacons

DESCRIPTION AND QUALIFICATIONS OF A DEACON.

- 5.1 The office of deacon as set forth in the Scriptures ordinary and perpetual in the Church. The office of deacon is one of sympathy and service after the example of Christ.
- 5.2 To this office should be chosen individuals who are faithful and diligent Christians of good character, of honest repute, exemplary life, brotherly love, sympathetic nature, and sound judgment, who are qualified under the standards recorded in Scripture.
- 5.3 A deacon shall be a member in good standing of the congregation, actively sharing in the worship and service of the Church and giving particular emphasis to the duties of his office.
- 5.4 Unless otherwise determined by the Session, the Diaconate shall be chosen from male members of that congregation. The Session of each congregation shall determine whether women may serve as deacons in their own particular congregation. In either case, the Church shall not neglect the raising up of qualified men to serve in this position.

PURPOSE OF THE DIACONATE

- 5.5 It shall be responsible for the congregation's ministry to those in material need or distress all such things as can be covered by the term "mercy ministry." The needs of those who are within the congregation shall be given first priority, and then those needs outside the congregation.
- 5.6 It shall also encourage practice of total stewardship among the members of the congregation, encouraging tithing in particular, a general spirit of liberality and hospitality towards their fellow saints as well as the world, and helping them to see that their possessions are a trust to keep before the Lord.
- 5.7 It shall plan, in collaboration with the Session, the causes toward which the offerings of the congregation shall be directed; devise effective methods for securing and receiving these offerings; secure and receive special offerings as directed by the Session and the higher courts of the Church; and see that all offerings are properly recorded and distributed.

I Timothy 3:8-12 *Deacons, likewise, are to be men worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. In the same way, their wives are to be women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything. A deacon must be the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well.*

After serious and prayerful consideration of the Biblical qualifications and the Form of Government requirements, I am well satisfied that the below named nominee is a worthy candidate to serve as a Deacon for the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Wales family.

Having received the consent of this person to receive training and to serve, if elected, I nominate for Deacon:

Name of Nominee(s) _____

Signed _____
Signature of person making nomination

Date