



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC [USA]

Nominating Form

Nomination of Elder to complete unexpired term in the class of 2026
(to begin service in July 2026):

Name:

Comments:

Nomination of Elder to serve a three-year term in the class of 2029
(to begin training in Fall 2026 and service in January 2027):

Name:

Comments:

Nomination of person to serve a one-year term on the Nominating Committee (to begin
service January 2027)

Name:

Comments:

Your Name:

The Nominating Committee is Seeking Persons to Serve

- ❖ One Elder: To complete unexpired 2026 term.
- ❖ Two Elders: To serve a three year term in the class of 2029
- ❖ Elder Chair of the Nominating Committee: (must be a currently serving elder)
- ❖ Two At Large Members of the Nominating Committee: to serve a one year term in the class of 2027.

Discerning God's Call to Congregational Leadership

The enclosed materials describe the qualities of church leaders and the duties of the office. It is our hope that these materials are helpful as you prayerfully consider nominating yourself or a fellow member to service.

Here's what the Book of Order (BOO) says about the qualities of those called to church leadership and the work of those who ordained to service as Ruling Elders

G-2.03 RULING ELDERS: THE MINISTRY OF DISCERNMENT AND GOVERNANCE G-2.0301 Ruling Elder Defined

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 so named not because they "lord it over" the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they 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 ministers of the Word and Sacrament, 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.

Questions Ruling Elders answer at their ordination and installation to office.

1. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
2. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's word to you?
3. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
4. Will you fulfil your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
5. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
6. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
7. Do you promise to further peace, unity, and purity of the church?
8. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
9. (For ruling elder) Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?
10. (for deacon) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Ruling Elders Are:

Spiritual Leaders:

- ❖ Praying Daily for the Congregation, Church, and World
- ❖ Attending and Participating in Monthly Meetings
- ❖ Serving Communion
- ❖ Assisting with Baptisms
- ❖ Praying for and Visiting the Sick
- ❖ Assisting with Funerals, Weekly Worship, and Special Services
- ❖ Supporting other Elders with their presence and participation

Actively Engaged Ministry Team Chairpersons:

- ❖ Providing leadership for one of our five ministry teams: Business Affairs (including administration, personnel, finance, and buildings and grounds), Worship and Music, Nurture and Education, Mission and Outreach, Congregational Care and Fellowship.
- ❖ Sustaining programs and seeking new opportunities.
- ❖ Setting a schedule for regular meetings with the committee
- ❖ Providing for meeting agendas, minutes, and reports.
- ❖ Nurturing the involvement of all members in the work and ministries of the church through meaningful participation in decision-making and facilitation of planned activities.
- ❖ Nurturing new leaders in the congregation.

Financial Stewards:

- ❖ Giving financial resources to the shared ministry of the church at a personally meaningful level.
- ❖ Working with other officers to develop an annual budget and providing oversight for the wise and compassionate use of the church's financial and physical resources.

Training:

Officers-Elect participate in four 90-minute training sessions with the pastor and sitting elder focused on Bible, theology, polity, and church operations. Officers receive ongoing training and participate in team building and visioning at stated session meetings and the annual session retreat. Training is scheduled according to the availability of the officers-elect.