

## ***Called to be an elder...***

“**Elders** are chosen by the people. Together with ministers of the Word and Sacrament, they exercise leadership, government, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a particular church as well as the church at large, including ecumenical relationships.”

(Book of Order G-6.0302)

“**Elders** should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world.” (Book of Order G-60303)

*“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 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 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. Those duties which all Christians are bound to perform by the law of love are especially incumbent upon elders because of their calling to office and are to be fulfilled by them as official responsibilities.”*

(Book of Order G-6.0304)

## ***Called to be a deacon...***

“The office of **deacon** as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office.” (Book of Order G-6.0400)

“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 both within and beyond the community of faith. They shall assume such other duties as may be delegated to them from time to time by the session, such as leading the people in worship through prayers of intercession, reading the Scriptures, presenting the gifts of the people, and assisting with the Lord’s Supper.” (Book of Order G-6.0402)

*Through the use of their gifts, **elders and deacons** are called to encourage and engage the whole of the congregation in the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

## ***At Georgetown Presbyterian Church:***

**Elders** serve a three year term on an eighteen member board which meets monthly, the third Thursday of each month, sometimes choosing not to meet in the summer.

**Elders** serve on at least one of the following committees: Administration and Personnel; Adult Ministries; Buildings and Property; Budget and Finance; Stewardship; Mission; Worship; Children’s Ministries; and Membership and Evangelism. In addition, an active Elder chairs the Nominating Committee.

**Deacons** serve a three year term on a thirty member board which meets monthly, the first Wednesday of the month. They do not meet in July or August (dates change for January due to annual retreat and in Sept. due to school starts).

**Deacons** serve on one of the following committees: Hospitality; Member Care; or Outreach.

The Nominating Committee is also seeking recommendations for:

2011 Nominating Committee

*Six at large members who will serve one year terms; nominees may not be serving on a church board in 2010.*

***I want to nominate:***

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Person's Name)

for the office of:

Elder  Deacon  Nominating

Characteristics of the person which lead me to believe he/she is called to this office are:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Person's Name)

for the office of:

Elder  Deacon  Nominating

Characteristics of the person which lead me to believe he/she is called to this office are:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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3. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Person's Name)

for the office of:

Elder  Deacon  Nominating

Characteristics of the person which lead me to believe he/she is called to this office are:

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Self Nominations are welcome.

Please return nomination forms to the church office or to a member of the Nominating Committee by **September 13, 2010**

***Current Church Boards***

**Session**

***Class of 2010***

*Alex Bullock  
Anne Johnson  
John Marshall  
Mary Beth Ray  
John Schuhart*

***Class of 2011***

*Judi Coates-Crowson  
Roy Henwood  
Kent Stevens  
Stan Whatley*

***Class of 2012***

*Sean Buckley  
Shelley Jennings  
Steve Johnson  
Jane Lewis*

**Deacons**

*Erika Chan  
Elizabeth Fitchjian  
Paul Nazarenko  
Ginny Snider  
Robert Sole*

*Juan Altamar  
Meg Bender  
Scott Burrell  
Meredith Cracraft-Ferro  
Pat Davies  
Nicholas Gray  
Beverly Jones  
Chuck Schilke*

*Karla Address  
Kevin Holmes  
Anne King  
Ginnie Luster  
Tyler McGreevy  
Jeff Owen  
Christine Rales  
Betsy Ray  
Francesca Schimerer*

***2010 Nominating Committee***

*Elders:  
Judi Crowson, Chair      Steve Johnson, Vice Chair*

*At – Large Members:  
Catherine McEaddy Holmes    Al Johnson  
Anne King                            Russell Porter  
Chuck Schilke                      Laura Speer  
Alan Wisdom*



*Discerning the call to leadership:*

*Recommending persons to the Nominating Committee for leadership positions in Georgetown Presbyterian Church*