

Recommendations for Church Officers 2011

A basic principle of the Presbyterian government provides church members with the right to choose those who govern. New officers for all boards of the Bertha E.R. Strosacker Memorial Presbyterian Church will be elected at a **Special Congregational Meeting on November 21, 2010**. The Nominating Committee is seeking your recommendations for the individuals you feel have particular gifts to share in the ministry and governing of our church. Please return all recommendations by **July 18, 2010**.

A Recommendation Form may be found in The Great Things are Happening, on line at www.mempres.org and at the Reception Desk in the Allen Street Lobby.

Recommendations may be submitted as follows:

- Drop form in the box at the reception desk at the Allen Street Lobby.
- Drop form in the offering plate on Sundays.
- Email form to yvonneb@mempres.org. Be sure to include Name of the person you are recommending, office, Particular gifts of prospective officer and your name.
- Submit to any member of the Nominating Committee listed below:

Ron Smith, Elder	Elizabeth Neithamer, Trustee
Dale Emeott, Deacon	Sally Bowen, Elder and Chair
Esther Arnold-Emeott, At Large	Sue Asher, At Large
Vic Chichester, At Large	Dick Pendell, At Large
Lou Guenther, At Large	Gwynne Powell, At Large

Gifts and Responsibilities of Memorial Presbyterian Church Officers

The full term for all officers is three years. Incumbents may be elected to a second three year term. However, no officer may serve on any board for more than six (6) consecutive years.

ELDERS

“Elders are chosen by the people. Together with the 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. They shall serve faithfully as members of the Session.”

The Book of Order, G-6.0303

“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.”

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Ruling Elders, together with the Pastors, constitute the Session. The Session is responsible for the spiritual decision making of the congregation and is the final authority in decision making of the congregation. The Elders also represent the congregation at meetings of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly when commissioned thereto.

The work of the Session is carried out primarily through the following committees:

Adult Ministry Team	Children's Ministry Team
Personnel	Youth Ministry Team
Finance	Social Concerns
Membership	Worship and Arts

DEACONS

The Office of Deacon as set forth in scripture is one of sympathy, witness, spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies and sound judgment should be chosen for this office.

The Board of Deacons ministers to those in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress, in accordance with the scriptural duties of office. The office is one of sympathy and service, after the example of the Lord Jesus.

The Board of Deacons does its work primarily through the following committees:

- Hospitality
- Outreach
- Congregational Care

TRUSTEES

“The Office of Trustee is one of dignity and responsibility, requiring ability and devotion.”

The Book of Order

The Board of Trustees holds and administers, on behalf of the church, and subject to its will as expressed by the congregation or the Session: all church property, trust funds and endowments. The Board of Trustees is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the church property.

The work of the Board of Trustees is carried out primarily through the following committees:

- Investment
- Financial Operations
- Property
- Publicity and Communications

- I recommend _____
for nomination to the office of _____
Their particular gifts are _____
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Recommended by (optional) _____