**Brief Description of Elders & Advisors, Deacons & Assistants**

**Elders**

* Shepherd people: care for our souls; advising, praying
* Oversee the church: evaluate & direct the church’s health and ministries

*1Peter 5:1-4; John 10; Acts 20:16-38; Psalm 23; Exodus 18:8-27; Matthew 16:19; 18:15-20*

**Qualifications (from 1Timothy 3:1-7 & Titus 1:6-9)**

* Blameless/Above Reproach
* Husband of one wife/Manages household well (if married)
* Self-controlled/Not enslaved to drunkenness or greed
* Hospitable
* Not quarrelsome
* Gentle
* Upright, Holy and Disciplined
* Able to teach

**Deacons**

* Serve the church: looking to help wherever it’s needed
* Care for the practical needs of our people and our facilities

Acts 6:1-6

**Qualifications (from 1Timothy 3:8-14; Acts 6:1-6)**

* Respected
* Husband of one wife/Manages household well (if married)
* Self-controlled, not given to drunkenness or greed
* Proven Faithful
* Firm faith in the gospel
* Eager desire to serve the needs of the church

**Elder Advisors and Deacon Assistants**

The *Book of Church Order* for our denomination states that we may appoint men and women who aren’t ordained to assist the leaders of our church. These men and women are not ordained to the office, but their experience, gifts, and character make them fit to help the elders and deacons with their work.

For additional information regarding these roles, please see the longer Position Descriptions.

**Nomination Form for Elders/Advisors, Deacons/Assistants**

**Notes**

To qualify, each nominee must be nominated by 2 or more households

Each nominee must currently be a member or become a member

Each nominee must be part of Harbor City Church for at least 1 year

**The Process**

October-November: Nominations, Interviews

January-May: Training

May: Exams

May: Election

**There are 3 ways to submit your nomination:**

1) Give this form to an elder, staff member, or drop in the offering basket

2) E-mail the Nomination Card information to madison@harborcity.church

3) Fill out form online at [tinyurl.com/harborleaders](http://www.tinyurl.com/harborleaders)