



BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS OF ELDERS, DEACONS & ASSISTANTS

Elders

- Shepherd the people: teaching & caring; training leaders to shepherd.
1Peter 5:1-4; Psalm 23; John 10; Acts 20:16-38
- Oversee the church: exercising church discipline; focusing on the future
Matthew 16:19; 18:15-20; Exodus 18:8-27; 1Corinthians 5

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

- Chief servants in the church: looking to help wherever it's needed
- Care for the practical needs of our people and our facilities
- Encourage and equip our people to serve each other
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

Appointed Men & Women to assist Elders or Deacons

The *Book of Church Order* for our denomination states that we may appoint men and women who aren't ordained or elected to assist the leaders of our church. These are men and women who are not eligible to be 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/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

June – July: Sermon Series, Nominations, Initial Interviews
July – November: Training
November: Exams
January: Presentation of Candidates & Election

How to Submit your nomination: There are 2 ways

- 1) Give this form to an elder, staff member, or drop in the offering basket
- 2) E-mail the Nomination Card information to mike@harborcity.church

Nomination Card

My Name: _____

- ☐ I am a member of Harbor City Church
- ☐ I have talked with this person about my intention to nominate them
- ☐ I have read the descriptions for Elders & Deacons & Assistants

I nominate these individuals for these offices. (Write in both the name & which office(s): Elder, Deacon, Assistant to Elders, Assistant to Deacons)

Name

Office
