

RESPONSIBILITIES

Elders constitute the Session, our governing body. They oversee the spiritual life of the church, make policy decisions and serve as the congregational authority on all church matters. Elders provide leadership for worship, congregational care, outreach and nurture programs for all ages. They are stewards of the church's resources, overseeing the budget process, managing church finances and maintaining repair and security of church property. They are trustees of the Maryland Corporation of The National Presbyterian Church. They should be spiritually mature and demonstrate graciousness in their personal walk with Christ.

Time: 15-20 hours/month

Deacons seek to build an experience of Christian community for all members, particularly through parish ministry. Each deacon serves a parish, organizing it to strengthen relationships and encourage mutual caring and support. They should be spiritually mature and demonstrate a caring concern for the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of fellow believers. Time: 8-12 hours/month

2010 Officer Nominating Committee is responsible for prayerfully recommending to the congregation a slate of nominees for the coming year to fill vacancies on each of the boards and on next year's nominating committee. They should be spiritually mature, discerning, capable of maintaining confidentiality and active participants in fostering a ministry of grace in the work and mission of NPC. Time: 15-20 hours/month

NPC Fund for Charitable Giving - Serve as a trustee on the Board of the NPC Fund for Charitable Giving, which facilitates estate giving to the benefit of members and the church. Time: 1-3 hours/month

SEEKING GOD'S SERVANTS

Guidelines for Christian leadership are found principally in the following New Testament passages. Please prayerfully contemplate them prior to recommending someone.

"Now there are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates them in everyone."

—1 Corinthians 12:4-6

"So then, others ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful."

—1 Corinthians 4:1-2

"For an overseer must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict."

—Titus 1:7-9

"Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by constraint but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away."

—1 Peter 5:2-4

Personal Criteria

- Jesus Christ is their personal Lord & Savior
- Humbly live as mature Christians
- Be in daily prayer & Bible study
- Participate in a discipleship group
- NPC member & attend NPC worship
- Demonstrated a committed stewardship of their time, talent, & treasure
- Participation in the life & service of NPC
- Familiar with Presbyterian polity

Characteristics and Skills

- Maturity of judgment
- Graciously work with others
- Willingness to learn
- Ability to complete projects
- Openness to new ideas

MY RECOMMENDATION

I am recommending for: *(please circle)*

- **Elder** • **Deacon**
- **2010 Officer Nominating Committee**
- **Board of NPC Fund for Charitable Giving**

PLEASE COMPLETE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (H) _____

(O) _____

E-mail _____

Occupation _____

It is not necessary to contact this person in order to submit a recommendation.

You may recommend yourself if you believe you qualify and have the desire to serve.

Please give reasons for recommending this member. You may wish to include: commitment to Christ and to the mission of this church, involvement in the life of NPC, maturity of Christian character, leadership abilities, special talents, gifts and experience that this person may possess.

COMMITMENT

Officers are normally elected to a three-year term (2010–2013). Officer Nominating Committee members serve a one-year term. All boards meet at least monthly. Board members serve on committees that generally meet monthly. In addition, officers may have special duties throughout the year. The Officer Nominating Committee may meet as often as once a week. Board and committee membership represents both a spiritual commitment and a commitment to participating actively in the work and mission of NPC. Leadership Training - Fall 2009.

2009 Officer Nominating Committee

Dick Pera, *Chair* (202) 364-0405

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Nominating Procedure

Solicit recommendations from NPC members, organizations and NPC staff. Evaluate members recommended using Biblical standards; consult pastors, rank in terms of experience, qualifications and availability. Pray for guidance. Then the individual is approached, the position explained and permission to nominate obtained.

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RECOMMENDATION FOR CHURCH OFFICE

For the term commencing 2010



*Seeking those whom
God has prepared to lead
our congregation to*

Worship • Grow • Serve

Submitted by: _____

Phone: (H) _____

(O) _____

E-mail _____

Please return this form to the Officer Nominating Committee by placing it in the designated box at church entrances, or by mail:

Officer Nominating Committee
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