

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**FOR CHURCH OFFICERS, NOMINATING COMMITTEE,  
and PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee is compiling a list of church members interested in serving as church officers or as members of the Nominating Committee or the Pastor Nominating Committee. Please feel free to suggest yourself or someone you know for consideration. **The Nominating Committee especially values and encourages self-nominations.** Before nominating someone please review the brief description of each Board found on the back of this sheet. Each elder, trustee, and deacon serves a three-year term. Members of the Nominating Committee serve one year. Members of the Pastoral Nominating Committee serve until the task is completed. **Deadline for nominations is June 30<sup>th</sup>.**

NAME OF NOMINEE \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION OF INTEREST: \_\_\_SESSION \_\_\_DEACON \_\_\_TRUSTEE

\_\_\_\_NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBER (One-year term)

\_\_\_\_PASTORAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBER (Until task is completed)

NOMINEE'S EXPERIENCE/INTERESTS

PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE

*Return your nominations to the church office by **JUNE 30**,  
or via email: [rpc.nominating@gmail.com](mailto:rpc.nominating@gmail.com).*

*Nominating Committee:*

Dan Townley, Chair  
Sam Croll  
Paul Deen  
CJ DeSantis  
Kristin Jautz  
Tony Savarese  
Sarah Snell

## **THE SESSION**

The Session is responsible for the mission and governance of RPC. The Session has the following responsibilities: to receive new members; to lead the congregation in mission work; to provide for worship, including serving communion; to develop and supervise the educational programs; to provide for the growth of its members in ministry, witness, service and fellowship; to develop Christian stewardship; to establish the annual budget; to oversee the work of the deacons, trustees and other church organizations; to provide for the administration and personnel of the church; and to provide for the management of the property of the church. The church elders also have the dual responsibility of serving as part of the Hudson River Presbytery and also of representing the Presbytery in the congregation. The Session meets the fourth Wednesday of the month, at 7:30 p.m. Each elder will also serve on a committee: Christian Education, Mission and Outreach, Personnel (joint committee with Trustees and Deacons), Worship and Music, Congregational Care, Communication, and Stewardship.

## **THE DEACONS**

Each Deacon has responsibility for a parish, which consists of 25-30 families within the congregation. The Deacons' ministry involves: contacting the families of their parish at least twice a year; welcoming new members to the congregation and assisting them in becoming involved in the church; supporting parish families in times of crisis such as illness or death; recognizing and celebrating joyful occasions like births, baptisms, and weddings; meeting special needs such as driving church members to doctor appointments or assisting home-bound church members; assisting a pastor in taking communion to those who are unable to attend church. Deacons also oversee and provide leadership to the Congregational Life and Membership committee, which plans and coordinates new member desserts, the fall picnic and special events. The Deacons meet the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

## **THE TRUSTEES**

The Trustees have the responsibility of managing the property and all finances of the church, subject to the authority of the Session. They report regularly to the Session on all matters committed to them including financial statements and a report of their proceedings. The Trustees meet the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Each Trustee serves on a committee: Buildings and Grounds, Stewardship, Insurance, Investment, Personnel (joint committee with Session and Deacons), and Legal and Audit.

## **THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee consists of five members elected at large from the congregation plus representatives from each of the church boards. Its purpose is to develop a slate of interested church members to serve on the boards and the Nominating Committee or to nominate replacements for board members when needed.

## **THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Pastor Nominating Committee begins in the fall and will prepare the church information form (CIF) and search for a candidate to nominate for the position of senior pastor. This committee requires extensive commitment. It is likely to last for more than a year and will meet regularly and frequently. Members need to be able to represent and think for the whole church and be able to seek for consensus in the committee as a whole.