

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**FOR CHURCH OFFICERS and 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. Please feel free to suggest yourself or someone you know for consideration. The Nominating Committee 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 a two year term. Terms begin in January 2019. The Nominating Committee would appreciate receiving your nominations or expressions of interest.

*Please return your nominations **by June 17** to the church office  
or via email: [mdversfelt@gmail.com](mailto:mdversfelt@gmail.com).*

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

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

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

POSITION OF INTEREST: \_\_\_ SESSION \_\_\_ DEACON \_\_\_ TRUSTEE  
\_\_\_\_\_ NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBER (two-year term)

NOMINEE'S EXPERIENCE/INTERESTS

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PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE

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*Nominating Committee:*

- Mary Versfelt, Chair
- Doug MacLaury
- Davidson Gordon
- Carol Love
- Nancy Steed
- Kristin Jautz
- Lisa King
- Scott Snell

### **THE SESSION**

The Session is responsible for the mission and governance of the church. 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; and to provide for the administration and personnel 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), Worship and Music, Congregational Care, Communication, and Stewardship (joint committee with Trustees). Elders serve a 3 year term.

### **THE DEACONS**

Each Deacon has responsibility for a parish, which consists of about 25 families within the congregation. The Deacons' ministry involves: contacting the families of their parish; 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 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 committee, which plans and coordinates new member desserts, the fall picnic, and special events. Deacons meet the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Deacons serve a 3 year term.

### **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 (joint committee with Session), Insurance, Investment, Personnel (joint committee with Session), and Legal and Audit. Trustees serve a 3 year term.

### **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. Committee members at large serve a 2 year term.