



# 2020 Recommendations for Elder and Deacon

Recommendation  
(Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Office of Elder or Deacon: \_\_\_\_\_

What skills and/or characteristics does this person possess that would be especially useful?

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Where in ministry have you seen this person demonstrate these gifts:

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Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to the church office by March 11.  
Thankyou!**

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee:

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## THE ROLE OF A RULING ELDER

"As there were in the Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they "lord it over" the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session." (*PCUSA Book of Order 2017-2019 G2.0301 Ruling Elder Defined*)

Elders are called by God through the voice of the congregation to serve the people of God with energy, intelligence, imagination and love. The primary responsibility of the Session is planning, visioning, and setting the direction for the ministry and mission of Crossroads with much of the hands-on work being accomplished at the ministry team level.

*"When they came to Jerusalem they were welcomed by the church  
and the apostles and elders, and they reported all that God had done with them."  
~Acts 15:4~*

## THE ROLE OF A DEACON

"The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry." (*PCUSA Book of Order 2017/2019 G-2.0201 Deacons: The Ministry of Compassion and Service*)

*"Whoever wishes to be great among you must first be your servant."  
~Matthew 20:26~*