

How are we going to go about appointing deacons?

1. Each Christian member will be given a piece of paper with the words 'deacon nominated' on it.
2. After each nominated man has been named, we will go to the nominated men and ask if they 'desire' the position.
3. If they do desire the position, the congregation will be given one week to object to someone who is nominated but it must be done 'in writing' and will be confidential. **Note:** No one can object to a nominated man being a deacon just because they don't like them or the way they dress etc. it has to be a real 'legitimate Biblical reason'.
4. If there is an objection, then we must talk to the nominated person about the objection in an effort to clear up any misunderstandings or concerns.
5. If there are no objections and the men are still willing to take on the responsibility of a deacon we can move forward.
6. On the Lord's Day we will publicly announce that we have been praying and have been studying deacons for a few weeks now. We've all nominated these men and they are happy to take on the responsibility of a deacon.
7. We will then ask the men to come to the front and stand, and ask them again if they are willing to accept according to the Scriptures the role of a deacon.
8. We will then ask the congregation to accept them by standing up.
9. We will have a prayer for our new deacons and the congregation to work with them within their roles.

Example of Deacons nominating Form

CHURCH DEACON(S) NOMINATION FORM

'In the same way, deacons are to be.' 1 Timothy 3:8

Please pray long and hard before nominating any brother or brothers you feel are qualified for the position of a deacon. Please read 1 Timothy 3:8-11 carefully, I've created below a summary of all the requirements in question form to help you choose wisely.

Please fill in the form attached, simply cut out around the dotted lines and hand it back to the person who gave you this form. He doesn't need the answers to your questions just the form with the nominated brother's name(s) on it. Thank you and God bless us all as we strive to please God.

Please note if you feel there is only one brother qualified simply write his name down on the form but if you have more than one brother in mind then simply write all their names on the form.

Also, please be aware that you may nominate a brother(s) but the brother(s) you name may not desire the position of a deacon or he (they) may not be qualified nor does a named brother(s) mean they automatically are chosen to be a deacon.

A quick summary of the requirements a deacon must possess.

Does the brother or brothers you are thinking about meet the following requirements?

Simply answer yes or no. Please remember this is simply to help you choose.

Summary of a deacon's requirements.

1. Is he 'respectable' and considerate of others in their behaviour _____
2. Is he 'double-tongued', someone who is two faced _____
3. Is he 'addicted' to alcohol _____
4. Is he 'greedy for dishonest gain' _____
5. Does he 'hold' onto the mystery of the faith, the teaching of Gospel _____
6. Is he 'tested', is his track record good _____
7. Is he 'blameless' in the sense of being free from accusation _____
8. Is he married to only 'one woman' _____
9. Is he a husband who is faithful and respectful to his wife _____
10. Is his wife a faithful Christian woman who loves and serves God as well as her family _____

- 11. Is his wife a faithful Christian woman who is 'dignified', respectful and considerate of others in their behaviour _____
- 12. Is his wife a faithful Christian woman who isn't 'a gossip' _____
- 13. Is his wife a faithful Christian woman who is 'sober-minded', some who can be trusted _____
- 14. Does he manage 'his household' well _____
- 15. Does he manage 'his children' well _____

The congregation's responsibilities to the deacons.
(These are only suggestions)

- 1. We must recognise their roles and pray for them.
- 2. We must encourage them and their family.
- 3. We must make their servant role as easy as possible.
- 4. We must trust them.
- 5. We must correct them when they are wrong.
- 6. We must treat them all with equal respect and accountability.

.....

DEACON(s) NOMINATION FORM

Name of Deacon nominee _____ Name of Deacon nominee _____

Name of Deacon nominee _____ Name of Deacon nominee _____

Name of Deacon nominee _____ Name of Deacon nominee _____

.....