

Ecclesia Christian Fellowship

* * * Deacon Nomination Application * * *

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Date of application _____

Date submitted to ECF _____

Nominating Member _____
(Deacon Nominee please fill out below)

Name of Nominee _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email address _____

Married _____ How long married _____ Single _____ Divorced _____

Wife's name _____

Children's names and age _____

Is your family in agreement with this nomination? Yes _____ No _____

How long have you been a member of ECF? _____ Years _____ Months

Have you ever served as a deacon at another church? Yes _____ No _____.

If yes, please include the name of the church and how long you served.

List any ministries you served in _____

Do you tithe (10% of your income)? Yes _____ No _____.

If you checked "no" please read Malachi 3:8-10.

Will you support the mission of ECF? Yes ____ No _____. "Picking up the broken pieces in the lives of people by evangelizing the lost and disciplining the saved".

Will you support the vision of ECF? Yes ____ No _____. "Creating Authentic Christians who abide in God's Word, walk in the Power of the Holy Spirit and actively fulfill the Great Commission".

By signing this nominee application, I realize I will be obligated to serve Ecclesia Christian Fellowship and I will not terminate this agreement of service unless definitely called to leave by the Lord. While realizing there are valid reasons to terminate, such as job transfer, health issues and other reasons, this is an obligation to our Lord and should be taken seriously.

After completely filling out this application please sign below. If you are married, have your wife sign in agreement, then it should be given to the Deacon Ministry or the Administration Office.

Deacon nominee Signature_____

Date_____

Nominee's wife Signature_____

Date_____

(1) Qualifications of a Deacon

The qualifications for the office of Deacon are scripturally based and are as follows:

1. Possesses a good reputation (Acts 6:3).
2. Is spiritually minded and submissive to God's leadership (Acts 6:3, 5).
3. Possesses spiritual knowledge and understanding that provide sound direction for the ministry of the church (Acts 6:3).
4. Walks by faith, trusting God and believing in the Word of God (Acts 6:5).
5. Is dignified and worthy of respect (1 Tim. 3:8).
6. Speaks with honesty and integrity (1 Tim. 3:8).
7. Realizes the importance of Christian influence and is willing to limit his liberty for the sake of others (1 Tim. 3:8).
8. Is not a greedy person (1 Tim. 3:8).
9. Has a deep Biblical commitment (1 Tim. 3:9).
10. Must first be tested and proven (1 Tim. 3:10).
11. Should display a lifestyle free from continual patterns of scriptural disobedience (1 Tim. 3:10).
12. If married, this man's wife should be devoted to God and yielded to the Holy Spirit (1 Tim. 3:11).
13. Must manage his household well (1 Tim. 3:12).
14. Must recognize God-given spiritual leadership that is incumbent upon the office of a pastor and seek to submit to his leadership (Heb. 13:7, 17).
15. Should create and preserve unity and harmony in the church (Eph. 4:1-3).

(2) Role and Responsibilities of a Deacon

The office of Deacon is one of ministry and service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and His church. Any other understanding of this office does disservice to the New Testament record. The office of Deacon is characterized by humility and service, not prestige and power. A Deacon will assume a role as servant leader, spiritual compass, and model of Christian character for the entire congregation.

The responsibilities of a Deacon represent an opportunity to contribute significantly to ministry and are as follows:

1. In accordance with the meaning of the Word, and practice of the New Testament, a "Deacon" is to be a servant of the church.
2. Assist the pastor in performing pastoral duties.
3. Be supportive of the overall ministry of the church.
4. Unless providentially hindered, participate in all activities of the Deacon ministry; which will include scheduled meetings and training sessions.
5. Pray regularly for the church members, pastor, and staff.
6. Minister to assigned families of the congregation.
7. Assist in administering the Lord's Supper and participate in corporate worship.
8. Assist in the church collections of tithes and offerings.
9. Practice personal evangelism as opportunities arise.
10. To the extent possible, recognizing that your family is your first ministry, be actively involved in all aspects of church life; to include Sunday school and all worship services.
11. Actively serve in at least one other church ministry.

(3) Deacon Selection Process

To be eligible for this honored office, each nominee must possess the biblical qualifications as set forth above. Qualified men are encouraged to nominate themselves.

1. Nominations for the office of Deacon shall be received from church members, in person, or via nomination forms. Nomination forms may be obtained in the church office or online at www.ecclesiachurch.com.
2. The Deacon ministry will contact each nominee either by phone or in person to determine if he has the interest or desire to continue the selection process.
3. All nominations will be reviewed and, as deemed necessary, interviews with candidates will be requested.
4. The Pastor could ask a nominee to remove his name from consideration based

on one or more of the following criteria:

- a. The nominee does not meet the biblical qualifications defined herein.
 - b. The nominee has demonstrated a pattern of personal practices that is unhealthy to himself and/or the ministry of the church family.
5. The Deacon ministry will notify each candidate of his recommendation status.
 6. Each recommended candidate will be presented to the church body in April, where they will be designated as a Deacon-In-Training.
 7. The Deacon-In-Training will attend classes and be mentored for 11 months. In March he will go through the Deacon Catechism. Upon successfully completing the Catechism he will be Ordained as a Deacon in April.
 8. The nominee must complete the Biblical Base classes, which is 12 weeks.
 9. The nominee must complete three sessions of the Pathway to Leadership course. Each session is five weeks.

(4) The Wife of a Deacon

*"Even so must their wives be grave, not slanders, sober, faithful in all things."
(1 Tim. 3:11)*

1. She Must Be Grave - Like her husband she must be honest. She must be an honorable woman.
2. She Must Not Be A Slanderer - She must not be a malicious talker. Given to false accusations.
3. She Must Be Sober - She must be aware of who she is and whose she is. She must be temperate and circumspect.
4. She Must Be Faithful In All Things - To Christ, her husband, her children, her home and her church.

NOTE: The wife of a deacon must realize the role that she plays in her husband's ministry. She must realize that she is not called to serve in his office, she is called to be supportive, encouraging, prayerful, and concerned about the effective fulfillment of her husband's duties.

Please return the first two pages to the Deacon Ministry or the Administration Office.

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