



# *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 \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know Christ as your personal Lord and Savior? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_.

Have you been baptized in the Holy Spirit and are you living a Spirit-controlled life to the best of your ability? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_.

Do you feel led to serve the Lord as a Deacon? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_.

Do you understand that the Deacon's ministry is that of service to the body of Christ? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_.

Are you prepared to submit yourself first to the Lord, then to His people and finally to the other leaders with whom you will work? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_.

Do you support ECF with your tithes and offerings (10% of your income)?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_. If you checked "no" please read Malachi 3:8-10.

Do you agree with the tenets of faith and governing principles of ECF?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

Do you live a life that is consistent with the Word of God as pertains to morality, conversation, life-style and appearance? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_.

Do you conduct your home life in a way that meets with the demands of Scripture?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_.

Do you conduct a regular family altar in your home? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_.

Are your children in submission to God and to you as the head of the home? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_.

If chosen, will you serve as a Deacon in an attitude of love, unity and faith?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_.

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.

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List any ministries you served in \_\_\_\_\_

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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, please ask your wife to sign in agreement, then it should be given to the Deacon Ministry or the Administration Office.

Signature of Deacon nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Nominee's wife \_\_\_\_\_

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. Practice personal evangelism as opportunities arise.
9. 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.
10. Actively serve in at least one other church ministry with Deacon as priority.
11. Complete Biblical Base Classes 1, 2, & 3 and Pathway to Leadership (PTL).
12. Participate in Mighty Men of Ecclesia monthly meetings.
13. Also, to grow spiritually Deacons should be an active participant of a Home Unity Growth Group (H.U.G.G.) or Sunday School.
14. Assist with Baptisms.
15. Assist with In-home communion.
16. Assist the "First Responders" with the men who respond to the altar call.
17. Care for the emotional and spiritual needs of the men of ECF.
18. Assist the church fiduciary (collect offering & Count Room)
19. Attend to church maintenance and security
20. Other duties as assigned

### **(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. **The nomination period is January 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>.** Nomination forms may be obtained in the church office or online at [www.ecclesiachurch.com](http://www.ecclesiachurch.com). (Go to the Media tab).
2. The Deacon ministry will contact each nominee 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 three pages to the Deacon Ministry or the Administration Office.***

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