

NOMINATION: DEACONS

1. Iron Works Church is a particular church of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), and has at this time one man serving in the office of deacon (i.e., the office that comprises men who are part of the Deacon Board who are tasked not with the governance and shepherding of the church, but with ministering primarily to the needs of congregants and providing care for church property and resources). By God's grace, we are prepared now to nominate additional men to serve in this office.

2. As for the nomination process, only those men who are communing members of Iron Works Church are eligible to be nominated by communing members of Iron Works Church. Just because a man is nominated does not necessarily mean that he will actually become a deacon. Rather, it simply asserts that as far as you are able to discern, the man (or men) you nominate exhibit and seems to fulfill the biblical qualifications of a deacon as found in 1 Timothy 3:8-13. What follows is an excerpt drawn from chapter 9 of the PCA Book of Church Order (BCO) that describes the nature and requirements of the office of deacon:

9-1. The office of deacon...is one of sympathy and service, after the example of the Lord Jesus; it expresses also the communion of saints, especially in their helping one another in time of need.

9-2. It is the duty of the deacons to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress. It is their duty also to develop the grace of liberality in the members of the church, to devise effective methods of collecting the gifts of the people, and to distribute these gifts among the objects to which they are contributed. They shall have the care of the property of the congregation, both real and personal, and shall keep in proper repair the church edifice and other buildings belonging to the congregation. In matters of special importance affecting the property of the church, they cannot take final action without the approval of the Session and consent of the congregation. In the discharge of their duties the deacons are under the supervision and authority of the Session...

9-3. To the office of deacon, which is spiritual in nature, shall be chosen men of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly spirit, warm sympathies, and sound judgment.

3. We ask that you prayerfully consider nominating men that you believe may meet the biblical qualifications for the office of deacon outlined in Scripture and described above in the BCO:

a. Name of man/men that I am nominating for consideration to be a deacon:

b. Signature of nominee(s): _____

c. Signature of nominating member: _____