

## NOMINATION: RULING ELDERS

1. Iron Works Church is a particular church of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), and is, by God's grace, seeking to add members to its Session, i.e., a governing and shepherding body of elders that is composed of at least 1 teaching elder (a pastor) and 2 ruling elders (biblically qualified laypersons selected by the congregation).

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 ruling elder. Rather, it simply asserts that as far as you are able to discern, the man (or men) you nominate exhibits and *seems* to fulfill the biblical qualifications of an elder as found in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9. What follows is an excerpt drawn from chapter 8 of the PCA Book of Church Order (BCO) that describes the nature and requirements of the office of elder:

**8-2.** He that fills this office should possess a competency of human learning and be blameless in life, sound in the faith and apt to teach. He should exhibit a sobriety and holiness of life becoming the Gospel. He should rule his own house well and should have a good report of them that are outside the Church.

**8-3.** It belongs to those in the office of elder...to watch diligently over the flock committed to his charge, that no corruption of doctrine or of morals enter therein. They must exercise government and discipline, and take oversight not only of the spiritual interests of the particular church, but also the Church generally when called thereunto. They should visit the people at their homes, especially the sick. They should instruct the ignorant, comfort the mourner, nourish and guard the children of the Church. They should set a worthy example to the flock entrusted to their care by their zeal to evangelize the unconverted and make disciples. All those duties which private Christians are bound to discharge by the law of love are especially incumbent upon them by divine vocation, and are to be discharged as official duties. They should pray with and for the people, being careful and diligent in seeking the fruit of the preached Word among the flock.

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

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

b. Signature of nominee(s): \_\_\_\_\_

c. Signature of nominating member: \_\_\_\_\_