

CANDIDATE SUGGESTIONS FOR ELPC BOARDS

DUE DEC 1, 2025

The Officer Nominating Committee (ONC) is seeking your suggestions as it develops a slate of candidates for Boards of East Liberty Presbyterian Church. Please keep in mind new people as well as long-time members of ELPC—feel free to suggest yourself. All names will be carefully considered though the ONC often receives many more suggestions than there are positions open. The ONC has responsibility for diversity and balance along with particular skills and experience in preparing a final slate of candidates for election. Officers will be elected at the Congregational Meeting on **February 22, 2026**.

Current Officer Nominating Committee: Lynn Chadwick, Gretchen Chapman (Deacon Rep), Jessica Giannotta, Barb Griffin (Co-Chair), Liz Hopkins, Bill Johnson, Steve Simpson-Hunt (Co-Chair), and Sara Torretti.

Guidelines for Candidate Nominations

After reviewing the following information on responsibilities and qualifications, and the characteristics noted on the form on the back of this page, please complete the suggestion form, return it to the church mail room, and place your suggestion form in the **Candidate Suggestion Form Drop Off Box**. You may also use the QR Code on the back to complete the form online.

ELPC Boards/Responsibilities

Elders — Oversee all matters of leadership, including but not limited to: spiritual life, education, mission, personnel, worship, government, financial affairs, and Church plant maintenance/improvement.

Deacons — Minister to church members and those beyond our community of faith through various service projects.

Officer Nominating Committee - Develop a slate of candidates for future boards.

Qualifications for Elders and Deacons.

According to the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Order

“Elders should be persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit....” (G-2.0301)

Deacons should be “one of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment . . .” (G-2.0201)

Gifts and Qualifications: (G-2.0104)

a.) To those called to exercise special functions in the church—deacons, elders, and teaching elders of the Word and Sacrament—God gives suitable gifts for their various duties. In addition to possessing the necessary gifts and abilities, natural and acquired, those who undertake particular ministries should be persons of strong faith, dedicated discipleship, and love of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel in the church and in the world. They must have the approval of God’s people and the concurring judgment of a governing body of the church.

b.) Standards for ordained service reflect the church’s desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life (F-1.01). The council responsible for ordination and/or installation (G.2.0402; G-2.0607; G-3.0306) shall examine each candidate’s calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of ordered ministry. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate’s ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation (W-4.4003). Councils shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.

Additional Guidelines for Nomination used by Officer Nominating Committee

1. No two members of an immediate family household may serve on the same board simultaneously.
2. Those eligible for a second term will be placed on the list for *consideration* but *may not necessarily be nominated*.
3. Consideration will be given to worship attendance, participation in church activities, service on committees/boards, and the boards’ needs for particular experience or skills, while maintaining a balance representing the diversity of our membership.
4. No one may serve on the Session or Board of Deacons for more than six consecutive years.
5. Must be a full member of the congregation.

The Nominating Committee presents the final slate at the Congregational Meeting- it may be that not all nominations are in that slate, based on congregational needs.

Use form on other side to give your recommendations for nominations.

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Characteristics to consider in making your suggestions:

- ◆ General contributions to church community life (here or elsewhere) — Attendance at worship, participation in church education and activities, offices held, meeting attendance, volunteer services, stewardship.
- ◆ Must be a full member of the congregation.
- ◆ Personal characteristics and skills — Cooperation, willingness to learn, ability to follow through on assignments, openness to new ideas, maturity of judgment.
- ◆ Vision for the future of ELPC — Positive, progressive, forward-looking attitude.

Please complete this form and place it in the offering plate or drop it in the Candidate Suggestion Form Drop Off Box located in the church mailroom first floor near the security desk.

Name _____ Elder Board of Deacons Officer Nominating Committee

Have you been in contact with the individual you're recommending? ___yes ___no

Reasons for nomination (characteristics, skills, qualifications):

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