SUGGESTION FORM Office of Elder Class of 2028

Westminster Presbyterian Church Nashville, Tennessee

Please visit the WPC website at <u>www.nashvillewpc.church</u> then click on Sign-ups to find the Class of 2028 Suggestion Form.

The Church Nominating Committee solicits suggestions regarding persons who should be considered for the office of Elder. The *Book of Order*, in outlining the qualifications of the Presbyterian Elder, says that Elders "...should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment." It further states that the "manner of life" of the Elder should be a "...demonstration of the Christian Gospel, both within the church and in the world." Is the person that you are considering someone who fulfills these qualifications?

Elders are expected to give special attention to the spiritual needs of the people of God within the church and outside the church. Elders are particularly charged with the responsibility to "...visit and comfort and care for the people, with special attention to the poor, the sick, the lonely and those who are oppressed." Is the person that you are considering someone who already exhibits a commitment to this kind of activity?

To assist the Church Nominating Committee in its evaluation of candidates, please provide as much of the following information as possible on the person you wish to suggest to the Committee. (Please fill out a separate sheet for each person you suggest.)

Name of person

Has this person served as an Elder in this or another church? Yes_____, No_____

How often does this person attend worship? Every Sunday____, 3 Sundays a month____, 2 Sundays a month____, once a month or less_____

Is this person a regular participant in a Church School Class? Yes_____, No____; Which class?_____

Please list all other church activities in which this person is or has been involved:

Church School Teacher____, DISCIPLE/Bible Study Group____, Choir Member____, Presbyterian Women____, PW Circle____, Annual Stewardship Campaign____, Usher____, Changing Gears_____, Congregational Care____, HOST Group____, Worship Leadership____, Youth Mission Trip Chaperone_____ Specific Committees:

In what service-related activities has this person been involved? Room In The Inn____, Westminster Home Connection _____, Habitat for Humanity_____, Meals on Wheels_____, Hospital Volunteer_____, Charitable Organizations (names)

Other (name)

Are there particular traits or characteristics that prompt you to suggest this person as a candidate for the office of Elder?

Do you have this individual's consent to serve, if nominated?* Yes_____, No_____

* In asking for consent to serve, please communicate to the individual that having his/her name submitted as a suggestion to the Committee does not mean that the individual will necessarily appear on the final slate presented to the congregation. The process for determining the final slate is based on many factors, including the skills, talents, and demographics with regards to age, gender, and groupings within our church community, in order to maintain a balance of perspectives. It is hoped that this will allow each constituency in the church to have a voice within the Session.

The Church Nominating Committee may desire further information. If so, may we contact you? Yes_____, No_____

Your Name:

Your Telephone Number:

Please return this form to Terri Eckert, c/o Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3900 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37205 no later than September 15, 2024.

Church Nominating Committee: Jackie Shrago (Chair), Mark Beveridge, Sarah Gay Boswell, Joanna Hall, Tee Tompkins, Leslie Grote, Krissie Self/S2027, Caroline Shockley, Frank Wade.