

**SUGGESTION FORM**  
**Office of Elder Class of 2029**

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
**Nashville, Tennessee**

Please visit the WPC website at  
[www.nashvillewpc.church](http://www.nashvillewpc.church)  
then click on Sign-ups to find the  
Class of 2029 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?

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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 October 5, 2025.**

Church Nominating Committee: Joanna Hall (Chair), Tee Tompkins, Leslie Grote, Krissie Self, Caroline Shockley, Frank Wade, Nicole Oeser, Ann Neely, and Tom Wilson.