

Church Wide Nominations for Elder and Deacon:

These are unprecedented times. And we will need wise, committed, and attentive-to-God lay leaders to help guide us in faithfulness as we seek to worship, grow, and serve after the example of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 5:1-4 (The Message) says, *“I have a special concern for you church leaders. I know what it’s like to be a leader, in on Christ’s sufferings as well as the coming glory. Here’s my concern: that you care for God’s flock with all the diligence of a shepherd. Not because you have to, but because you want to please God. Not calculating what you can get out of it, but acting spontaneously. Not bossily telling others what to do, but tenderly showing them the way.”*

As always, your nominations are needed to reveal to us humble candidates for the next class of Elders and Deacons. They are to be people of strong faith, whose relationship with Jesus Christ is central to their lives, and who are committed to the furtherance of God’s Kingdom and the overall health of this Body of Christ. They are to not only pray and attend meetings, but also to roll up their sleeves and get involved in the specific ministry area to which they are called.

Please prayerfully consider who to recommend to the Nominating Committee (including, perhaps, yourself) to lead **MDPC** into its future. Descriptions of the offices of Elder and Deacon are posted below. Submit nominations online using the link above or pick up a paper form from the Front Office. Nominations are due by **Monday, August 25**. The Nominating Committee will then develop a slate of candidates to present to the congregation for election later in the fall.

Thank you for taking this key membership responsibility seriously and prayerfully at this critical time. I know God will help us secure and empower the right servant leaders for the next chapter of **MDPC**’s story as we serve our world with energy, intelligence, and love.



In Christ’s Service Together,
Pastor Alf