



## DEACON POSITION DESCRIPTION

Deacons are elected by the congregation for three-year terms and are traditionally elected in groups of fifteen. Deacons are elected at the Annual Meeting (typically in March of each year), and ordained (typically in April); training begins in March or April, and active service begins in May of each year.

The role of a Deacon is one of service to Christ and His church through the exercise of one's gifts to meet practical and spiritual needs. Each Deacon serves in the general ministries of the deacons including regular prayer, monthly cards, and seasonal flower deliveries to those who are sick, elderly and/or bereaved, assisting in distribution of the deacon fund, and hosting memorial service receptions. Deacons also serve on the organizing/leadership team for Deacon service projects. As officers of the church, they serve communion in our Sunday worship services. Serving as a Deacon is a rewarding and sometimes demanding call that requires commitment, prayer, and both extending and receiving God's grace.

### Deacon Orientation and Monthly Commitments

- Initial orientation and training meeting to be held in April
- Attendance at the annual deacon retreat (typically in May)
- A monthly meeting generally held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from 7-9 pm
- A typical monthly time commitment of 8-10 hours

### Deacon Project Leadership

- All Deacons will serve on the organizing/leadership team of at least two deacon projects during the year (one in the Fall and one in the Spring). Current projects include: Cal Move-In Weekend, Neighborhood Picnics, Winter Clothing Drive, Gift World, Do Justice, Senior Saints Luncheon, Deacon Retreat, and Farewell Dinner.

### General Deacon Commitments

- Praying regularly for Deacons and for prayer requests that come through the prayer chain.
- Serving communion on the first Sunday of the month and on other special occasions
- Assisting with the hosting of memorial service receptions as one is able and available
- Flower Delivery during Easter, summer, and Christmas seasons to our in-home, elderly, bereaved, and to those who have faced significant medical challenges
- Attending the Annual Meeting and all congregational meetings

### Qualifications to serve as a Deacon: As a Deacon candidate we ask that one:

1. be able to affirm trust in Jesus Christ as one's personal Savior, acknowledge Him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. One should also be able to affirm that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to His Church,
2. be able to affirm the tenets of the Reformed Faith,
3. be above reproach and meet Scriptural standards (e.g., 1Timothy 3:8-13)
4. be a member of First Pres,
5. be involved in the life of the church and support First Pres financially,
6. complete a Leadership Application which includes a Statement of Faith.