

THE ROLE OF DEACON AT NAPC

DEACONS HELP FULFILL THE MISSION OF NAPC BY:

Serving the congregation in tangible ways

Ministering to the congregation through prayer, hospitality and welcoming.

Supporting the Session by handling practical matters of administration, organization and logistical needs of the church. [Acts 6:1-6]

Deacons accomplish this by fulfilling the following responsibilities and requirements:

Personal Spiritual growth-Sanctification

- Regular, ongoing personal and family prayer and Bible study
- Regular worship attendance
- Regular prayer service attendance
- Generously give to NAPC
- Small group participation during church-wide small group studies in the Spring and Fall
- Grow into a "missionary lifestyle:" Increasingly live out your faith and share your faith where you live and work

Service

- Support, encourage and hold the pastor accountable to leading the congregation in the mission and vision established by the Session
- Actively participate in or lead at least one NAPC program
- Administratively, be willing to learn church software programs (F1, InFellowship, Planning Center Online) and use them to organize volunteers
- Serve communion every other month
- Help with NAPC special events
- Once a quarter, serve as a Host, Team Lead, and/or Greeter for worship
- Serve in the following Deacon areas of responsibility:
 - W (Worship): Organize and recruit Sunday servants/volunteers, and prepare worship and hospitality items
 - W (Welcome): Reach out to visitors and newcomers
 - P (Prayer): For the sick, bereaved, newly baptized, etc.
 - C (Care): Coordinate all contact, follow up, and visitation of people in need

REQUIREMENTS OF A DEACON:

- Attend and contribute to each Deacon meeting, typically on the first Monday of the month
**Note: if you are unable to attend at least 9 out of 11 meetings during the year, you should not agree to serve as a deacon*
- Care for member families for which you are responsible by contacting them at least twice a year unless specific prayer requests indicate a greater need.
- Attend the annual leaders retreat
- Visit one New Member Class to describe the deacon role and how new members may volunteer annually
- Be actively involved in the preparation and/or execution of Christmas Eve and/or Easter services.
- Affirm and serve as a resource on the NAPC Belief Statement
- By God's grace, conform to the character description listed below in the Scriptures.

If you have concerns about these descriptions, **please** be candid about this during the nomination process.

THE CHARACTER AND CALLING OF A DEACON:

1 Timothy 3:8-13 Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. 9 They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. 10 And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. 11 Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. 12 Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. 13 For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

FROM THE PC (USA) BOOK OF ORDER: G-2.0201 DEACON DEFINED

The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry.

APPROXIMATE TIME COMMITMENT: 7-10 HOURS PER MONTH