

DEACONS HELP FULFILL THE MISSION OF NAPC BY:

Ministering to the congregation through Care, Prayer, and Fellowship.

Serving the congregation in tangible ways

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:

DEACON RESPONSIBILITIES

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: The Role of a Deacon is comprised of

- **Care Ministry Leadership:**
Care and Prayer: For the sick, bereaved, newly baptized, and those in any way distressed.
- **Worship Ministry:**
Organize, recruit, and schedule Sunday servants/volunteers, prepare worship and hospitality items, including twice per quarter, serve as a Host, Team Lead, and/or Greeter for worship, including serving communion every other month.
- **Welcome Ministry:**
Reach out to visitors and newcomers
- **Assist**
In other areas of ministry throughout NAPC as called upon by the Elders

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

- Attend and contribute to each Deacon meeting, typically on the second 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.*
- 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.

THE BIBLICAL 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.

APPROXIMATE TIME COMMITMENT: WHILE THE CALLING OF DEACON IS A LIFESTYLE. AN AVERAGE OF 15-20 HOURS PER MONTH IS ANTICIPATED.