

DEACONS HELP FULFILL THE MISSION OF NAPC BY:

MINISTERING to the congregation through care, prayer, service and fellowship.

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

PERSONAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH-SANCTIFICATION

- Regular, ongoing personal and family prayer and Bible study
- Regular worship 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
- Be actively involved in the preparation and/or execution of Christmas Eve and/or Easter services.
- 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.

Time commitment: an average of 15-20 hours per month is anticipated.