



Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church - Suggestion Form: Nomination of Elders Two Elders for the Class of 2028 (three-year term)

The Nominating Committee asks the members of the Congregation to give prayerful consideration to this year's nominating process, and to suggest the names of members of the congregation, in whom are seen the gifts for leadership and service required for the ordered ministry of Ruling Elder. **Two Ruling Elders** will be elected by the Congregation to begin their three-year term of service in January 2026.

Please consider the list of General Criteria for Elders at Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church and make your suggestions on the form provided on the back page. **Please do not ask a person's permission prior to offering their name as a suggestion.**

Return completed forms by **SUNDAY, JUNE 8** by placing them in the offering plate or in the Nomination Committee box in the Fellowship Hall or mail to the church "For the Attention of the Nominating Committee" or email to Ron Studd, Chair of the Nominating Committee at: rstudd@mac.com

General Criteria for Elders at Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church

- Commitment to Christ, the church, and its mission
- Faithful participation in Services of Worship
- Active participation in church activities during a person's membership at or involvement within the congregation
- Leadership in the life of the church
- A desire to lead
- A commitment to understanding and following Presbyterian government
- Evidence of continuing financial commitment to the church and its mission
- Ability and availability to complete tasks and fulfill responsibilities with a positive attitude on a regular basis
- Willingness to listen to other viewpoints and ability to be a peacemaker of the church
- Willingness to accept change but not pursue change just for the sake of changing
- Spouses / immediate family members cannot serve as Elders at the same time

Elders: (*Book of Order*, G-2.0301) "... congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are ... chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships." (*Book of Order*: G-2014A) "Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel in the church and in the world.

In our congregation, each Elder serves on one of the Session Committees: Administration, Building & Grounds, Christian Education, Christian Life, Finance, Missions, or Worship.

Elder Nominating Committee 2025: Barbara Henry, Laurel Hine, Ron Studd (Session Representative and Chair), and Dr. Jim Simpson (Interim Pastor, ex officio).

SESSION OF DEER CREEK SHORES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Class of 2025:	Diane Bandow, Don Wagner
Class of 2026:	Charolotte Dewberry, Jerry Scarborough
Class of 2027:	Linda Jackson, Ron Studd
Clerk of Session:	Nancy Tims

Suggestion form for names of possible Elders for class of 2028 to be installed in January 2026

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Feel free to use as many forms as you need to list the people you wish to suggest to the Committee.

Please include a brief comment about why each person should be considered. This is very important!
Please do not just list the name of the person you would like to have considered.

The name of _____ is suggested to the Nominating Committee.

This member should be considered as an active RULING ELDER because ...

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This member should be considered as an active RULING ELDER because ...

Signature of
person
offering
suggestion(s):

Print Name:

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