



Elder Recommendation Form

Thank you for your interest in recommending one of our church members to serve as an elder. This form is designed to help you communicate to the elders why you want to recommend this man. Please complete the questions on the other side of this page and return it to any of those currently serving as elders, or to the church office.

Before completing this, please take time to read and reflect on these three pivotal Scripture passages: 1 Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9, and 1 Peter 5:1-5.

Definition of terms

What is an elder? Elders are responsible for lovingly governing the church, teaching the Word of God, and “tending the flock” as overseers. They are also referred to in the New Testament as pastors/shepherds and overseers, serving as under-shepherds to Jesus, the Chief Shepherd. Jesus expresses His authority in our church through the elders with the congregation. Elders work as a team to know, feed, lead, and protect our congregation.

What are their qualifications? The first qualifications God identifies in I Tim. 3 are that the individual must be a man and that he must desire to serve as an elder. Second, he must be an example of a godly life. Not perfect or flawless, but growing and above reproach. Third, he must have a good grasp of God’s Word and an ability to communicate it to others effectively. This doesn’t necessarily mean preaching on Sundays, but it means being able to bring the Word to people in a way that gives them hope and help as they grasp who God is and what it means to follow Him.

(please complete the other side of this page)

I want to recommend that _____ be considered to serve as an elder.

My name is _____

The best way to contact me is (phone or email) _____

Questions (please briefly answer as many of these as possible)

1. Have you communicated to this man that you desire to recommend him to be considered as an elder? *If not, please do so before completing this form. It will be a great opportunity to encourage him for the grace you see in his life.* In addition, please inquire if he is interested in serving in this way.
2. How long have you known him? Please describe some of the ways you've been able to see him interact with other people. This may include how he manages his household or why you consider him to be above reproach in the community.
3. How have you seen him to be an example of godly living and godly character?
4. How have you seen him bring God's Word to others in a way that has been helpful?
5. How have you observed him care for God's people through knowing, feeding, leading, or protecting them?
6. Do you know of 2-3 other church members who are willing to recommend this man by completing this form?