

Elder Nominations



And the twelve gathered the whole congregation together and said, 'Select from among you people of good reputation who are known to be full of the Spirit and of wisdom who we can put in charge of the task.' Acts 6:2-3

An effective team of Elders is vital for our church in following God's leading. The Elders are central in developing the vision and direction for our church. We need all of our church to be praying for this team as it is shaped. Elders serve a two year term with half rotated each year. The rotating Elders are eligible for renomination.

Do you know someone who you believe seeks God's leading and would make a contribution serving as an Elder? (*Please turn over for an outline of Elder Qualifications*). You are encouraged to prayerfully consider this person and nominate them for the role of Elder. (Acts 6:4)

Considerations for selecting people to serve: Good Reputation (Acts 6:3); Full of the Spirit and of Wisdom (Acts 6:3); Are Passionate about the Aim and Mission of the Church (Matt 28:19-20); Have a Knowledge of a Wide Variety of People in our Church Family; Have Experience in Governance of Organisations.

Continuing: Roger Marshall, Stephen Davies, Fine Teulilo and Karyn Newson. **Renewing:** Ricky Ryan, Leanne Davies, Keryn McCutcheon, Victor Kulakov, Maxine Tau.



Name of person nominated for Elder:

Why you believe they would be an effective Elder:

Thank you for taking the time to prayerfully consider the person you have chosen. The team of Elders will be reported to the church for final approval prior to their first meeting.

Nominated By:

Signature:

Email your completed form to info@papsda.co.nz before 9:00am on Monday, 14 September 2020.

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The responsibility of the team of Elders will be to:

- Define and foster the vision in the church.
- Provide and model spiritual leadership.
- Provide a team leadership environment for developing overall goals and expected outcomes for the church.
- Set the overall priorities for each year in terms of what the church will look like and what the key areas for energy input will be.
- Shape policy that outlines the parameters for ministry.
- Assess church life and make strategic decisions to capture opportunities and respond to changing ministry environments.
- Guard the church community against harmful influences.
- See that the church remains on a true course biblically.
- See that the life of the church is being well managed.
- Oversee matters of church membership and discipline.

The Elders will need to meet at least monthly to keep up with the pulse of church life and make leadership strategies accordingly.

Biblical Description of Elders

Elder qualifications are summarised in 1 Tim 3:2-7 and Titus 1:6-9

1. Above reproach Elders must lead by example and demonstrate a lifestyle free of patterns of sin.
2. Committed to family and spouse Elders must have a well ordered household and healthy family life, and if married, be devoted to their spouse.
3. Temperate Elders must be self-controlled, enslaved to nothing, free from excesses
4. Wise and Discerning Elders must be sober, sensible, wise, balanced in judgment, not given to quick, superficial decisions based on immature thinking.
5. Respectable Elders must demonstrate a well-ordered life and honourable behaviour.
6. Hospitable Elders must be unselfish with their personal resources. They must be willing to share blessings with others.
7. Able to teach Elders must be able to communicate truth and sound doctrine in a non-argumentative way.
8. Free from addictions Elders must be free from addictions and willing to limit their liberty for the sake of others.
9. Patient and gentle Elders must be gentle, patient and able to exercise self-control in difficult situations.
10. Not contentious Elders must not be given to quarrelling or selfish argumentation.
11. Free from the love of money Elders must not be stingy, greedy, out for sordid gain, or preoccupied with amassing material things
12. Not a new convert Elders must not be new believers. They must have been Christians for long enough to demonstrate the reality of their conversion and depth of their spirituality.
13. Good reputation with outsiders Elders must be well-respected by unbelievers and free from hypocrisy.
14. Not self-willed Elders must not be stubborn, prone to force opinions on others, or abuse authority. They must be servants
15. Loving what is good Elders must desire the will of God in every decision.
16. Just Elders must desire to be fair and impartial. Their judgments must be based on scriptural principle.
17. Committed Christian Elders must be devoted Christ followers seeking to be conformed to His image. They must be committed to prayer, worship, the study of Scripture, and the guarding of their own walk.
18. Biblically grounded Elders must be stable in the faith, obedient to the Word of God, continually seeking to be controlled by the Holy Spirit.