



THINKING ABOUT NOMINATING for the CHURCH COUNCIL?

Our church Council is made of the Presbyters (ordained clergy) on staff; churchwardens (Rector's & People's) and council members.

They are entrusted with the ***spiritual and pastoral oversight*** of this local church and are responsible for the ***efficient administration and management of the affairs*** of the church. This is not a task for just anybody ... *this means we must think carefully about who we nominate & who we elect.*

Scripture places a strong emphasis on the ***genuine faith and godly character*** of all believers but especially those who are involved in Christian leadership within the local church. You can read in detail about this in 1 Timothy 3, 2 Timothy 2, or Titus 2 (amongst other passages). Faith and godliness are a must – they are the basic, non-negotiables for anyone who we are considering for leadership, regardless of the role. That is not to say they are perfect (!) but that they are growing in and working at their faith and its expression in life. Don't fall into the trap of assuming these ... *they need to be checked!*

Because the **churchwardens** are entrusted with oversight and leadership to rule over the spiritual affairs of the church; they must be ***godly men*** who, in addition to their genuine faith and godly character, must meet two criteria:

- *firstly*, they must be able to ***rightly handle the Word of God***. That is, they must be in it, grappling with it; and applying it properly. The primary way for most of us to determine this is if they are teaching the Word in some context – one to one, Connect group or pulpit ministry. 1 Timothy uses the phrase ‘able to teach’ because we primarily lead and pastor people by teaching them the Word – if they can’t teach God’s Word, they can’t lead God’s people!

- *secondly*, they must have a ***pastoral heart for people***. You cannot shepherd sheep if you are allergic to wool! Hence, they need to have a pastoral heart, with a deep and genuine concern for others – both their salvation and their spiritual growth.

Council members must also be godly in character but might not be fulfilling a teaching role or have pastoral gifts in the same way. They will be godly **men or women** who have the ***necessary skills and experience*** in terms of management & organisation because their responsibility is the administration and smooth running of the church. They need to do that wisely and effectively.

Both churchwardens & council members hold a public office within the church. So, in addition to *godliness & gifting*; they should have ***a good standing within the community***. If we were to tell their families or friends, their neighbours or colleagues that they were in church leadership – they shouldn’t be shocked. Hence, they should have a good reputation within the community. Again, 1 Timothy speaks of *being above reproach & worthy of respect* which means their Christian reputation stands with integrity both within the church and within the community.

At our AVM on the **2 September 2020**, we will need to elect two People's Wardens and at least two Council Members, although we can elect up to six. All these positions are elected from nominees that the TCC church members must nominate.

Should you wish to nominate someone, please *prayerfully* consider who you nominate. Once you're satisfied they meet the relevant requirement, please fill in the nomination form overleaf, signing it yourself. Ask another church member to second the nomination and make sure your nominee is willing to stand by getting them to sign it too. Once completed, please email the form to lukeg@tcc.org.za or sharonm@tcc.org.za . All nominations need to be in by **12 August 2020**.

Should you have any questions or queries about the nomination process or the suitability of nominees, please feel free to speak to one of the Presbyters or the existing churchwardens.

Thank you.



NOMINATION for PEOPLE'S WARDEN or COUNCIL MEMBER

PEOPLE'S WARDEN

I,, nominate,
for the position of **People's Warden** and confirm that this person is,
to the best of my knowledge, suitable in terms of leadership and
spiritual qualifications to fulfil the above position if elected.

Signed: Proposer Date: ... / ... /

Seconder Date: ... / ... /

COUNCIL MEMBER

I,, nominate,
for the position of **Council Member** and confirm that this person is,
to the best of my knowledge, suitable in terms of leadership and
spiritual qualifications to fulfil the above position if elected.

Signed: Proposer Date: ... / ... /

Seconder Date: ... / ... /

ACCEPTANCE

I,, accept the above nomination and
confirm that, if elected, I will endeavour to fulfil the duties and
obligations of the above position to the best of my ability with the
help of God.

Signed: Date: ... / ... /