

ELDERSHIP APPOINTMENT—Nomination Form (2025)

Please submit no later than Sunday Feb 9, 2025

A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Your name: _____

Are you a member at The Gathering? Y N

If yes, for how long? _____ years.

If not, would you be willing to become a member? Y N

Name of nominee: _____

How long have you known the nominee? _____ years.

B. CHARACTER ASSESSMENT

The character qualifications for elders in the church are summarized in 1 Timothy 3:2-7 and Titus 1:6-9 and they are listed below. Please take a moment and assess the character qualifications of the nominee as per the requirements in Scripture. For each characteristic rank the nominee using the scale below.

1	2	3	4	5
does not regularly demonstrate this characteristic		usually demonstrates this characteristic		is known/has a reputation for this characteristic

Use the rank of "N/A" to indicate any characteristics that you have not had the opportunity to observe in their life (the below character qualifications are summarized in 1 Timothy 3:2-7 and Titus 1:6-9).

Rank	Characteristic	Description
_____	<i>1. Above reproach</i>	Elders must lead by example and demonstrate a lifestyle free of patterns of sin.

_____	<i>2. Husband of one wife, or wife of one husband.</i>	Elders, if married, must be devoted spouses. If single, must be living a chaste lifestyle.
_____	<i>3. Temperate</i>	Elders must be self-controlled, enslaved to nothing, free from excesses.
_____	<i>4. Prudent</i>	Elders must be sober, sensible, wise, balanced in judgment, not given to quick, superficial decisions based on immature thinking.
_____	<i>5. Respectable</i>	Elders must demonstrate a well-ordered life and honourable behaviour.
_____	<i>6. Hospitable</i>	Elders must be unselfish with their personal resources. They must be willing to share blessings with others.
_____	<i>7. Able to teach</i>	Elders must be able to communicate truth and sound doctrine in a clear, non-argumentative way.
_____	<i>8. Not addicted to wine</i>	Elders must be free from addictions and willing to limit their liberty for the sake of others.
_____	<i>9. Not pugnacious or quick-tempered</i>	Elders must be gentle, patient, and able to exercise self-control in difficult situations.
_____	<i>10. Uncontentious</i>	Elders must not be given to quarreling or selfish argumentation.
_____	<i>11. Free from the love of money</i>	Elders must not be stingy, greedy, out for sordid gain, or preoccupied with amassing material things. Instead, they should be generous towards others and towards the church.
_____	<i>12. Manage own household</i>	Elders must have a well-ordered household and a healthy family life.
_____	<i>13. Not a new convert</i>	Elders must not be new believers. They must have been Christians for long enough to demonstrate the reality of their conversion and the depth of their spirituality.
_____	<i>14. Good reputation with</i>	Elders must be well respected by unbelievers and free from hypocrisy.

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| _____ | <i>15. Not self-willed</i> | Elders must not be stubborn, prone to force opinions on others or abuse authority. They must be servants. |
| _____ | <i>16. Loving what is good</i> | Elders must desire the will of God in every decision. |
| _____ | <i>17. Just</i> | Elders must desire to be fair and impartial. Their judgment must be based on scriptural principle. |
| _____ | <i>18. Devout</i> | 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. |
| _____ | <i>19. Holding fast the faithful Word of God</i> | Elders must be stable in their faith, obedient to the Word of God, continually seeking to be controlled by the Holy Spirit. |

Comment on any category in which the nominee was ranked with a 2 or a 1.

C. SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT

The biblical roles of the elder include shepherding the church (tending to their care, ensuring none are lost), overseeing the spiritual health of the church (exercising spiritual authority to encourage growth of individuals and the church, initiating accountability), equipping the saints for ministry, preaching (some elders) and teaching (all elders – being able to train in sound doctrine and refute heresy within the context of relationship). Comment briefly on the spiritual giftedness that you have seen demonstrated in the life of the nominee, especially as it relates the leadership roles of an elder. How has this nominee demonstrated and evidenced their giftedness in the context of ministry here at The Gathering?

Thank you for taking the time to help us position godly leaders at The Gathering!