

Officer Nominations

Please read 1 Timothy 3:1-13 concerning officer qualifications. After prayer, please contact those you wish to nominate to determine beforehand if they would be willing to serve. Place completed form in the offering plate by July 11th or mail to 5503 Sunset Blvd., Lexington, SC 29072.

My recommendations for officers to the Nominating Committee are listed below:

Elder Recommendations:

Deacon Recommendations:

Recommended by _____

Thank you,

2010 Nominating Committee Members: Carl Maki, Don Greer, Kathy Seymour, John Kelbaugh, Sandy Taylor, Trudy Green, Chuck Haseldon, Meredith Jenkins, and Stacy Morgan

Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church Officer Nominations

Scripture describes several roles of leaders in the Church. The Presbyterian Church utilizes a board called the Session, which is composed of (Elders and Pastors) to govern their churches. In addition, there is the office of Deacon, which focuses primarily on the ministry of compassion and care. The responsibilities and duties for each office are described in the Book of Order, which is our constitutional document. (www.pcusa.org/oga/constitution.htm)

Elders and Deacons are people from the church community elected by the members to lead the congregation in accordance with God's will. This ability of the congregation to elect officers from its membership is a fundamental element of the Presbyterian church government. Both offices are ordained, which means that the individuals serving have been called and set apart by God for this particular work.

Session (Elders & Pastors)

The policy-making body of a Presbyterian congregation is the Session, which is composed of Elders and Pastors. The Senior Pastor serves as moderator of this board. While the Book of Order gives different specific responsibilities to the Elders and the Pastors, they are expected to work together to further the mission of the church. Elders may also serve on higher governing bodies such as Trinity Presbytery, the Synod of South Atlantic, or even the General Assembly.

Diaconate (Deacons)

The Diaconate or Board of Deacons at Saxe Gotha serve alongside the church staff to serve the needs of both the church membership and the local community. In addition to the work of compassion, the Deacons lead our local, national and international short and long-term missions efforts, and work directly with the many volunteers within the church. The Board of Deacons both recommends and implements programs and activities under the authority of Session.

Terms of Service

Usually people considered for the office of Elder or Deacon will be asked to serve for a period of 3 years.

Eligibility for Election

Anyone enrolled as an active member of Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church may stand for office. The Book of Order makes the following recommendations:

Deacons should be those who are willing and able “to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress, both within and beyond the community of faith.” Deacons are those called to a life of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. They should be persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, showing brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgment.

An **Elder’s** manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel both within the church and in the world. Because they work to lead and govern the church, Elders should clearly be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment, with discerning natures, and scripturally knowledgeable. They, too, should be persons of spiritual character and honest repute, able to hear and act in accord with God’s direction.

Nominations and Election

Any active member on the rolls of Saxe Gotha may make a nomination, and you may nominate yourself. All persons are notified of their nomination, and if they agree to stand for election, will be interviewed by the Nominating Committee, an existing group comprised of Elders, Deacons and lay people from various segments of the church community. The committee will choose and recommend to Session a slate of candidates to serve as Elders and Deacons. If Session approves the committee’s slate, they will call a congregational meeting and present it for approval.

We need the strongest group of nominees possible if Saxe Gotha is to continue to grow and prosper. Please help us by prayerfully considering who might best serve the church and nominating those strong men and women who will help lead us forward. You may go online to the Officers’ Homepage at <http://www.saxegotha.org/officers> to download a pdf, or you may use the form on the back page of this brochure to make your nomination. Please fill it out and place in the collection plate or hand the form to any usher. Please submit your nominations by Sunday, July 11th.