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**Please return this form to the Church Office by  
Sunday, May 23, 2021.**

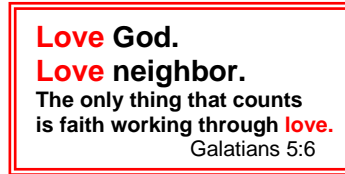
You may e-mail your nominations to Richards McCrae  
[Richards.McCrae@mortongettys.com](mailto:Richards.McCrae@mortongettys.com).

*Thank you for your help,*

**2021 Nominating Committee:**

Richards McCrae, Chair	Kevin Meetze, Member-at-large
Leigh Anne Estes, Member-at-large	Anna Echols, Member-at-large
Brian Hamel, Deacon Representative	Scott Huffmon, Vice-Chair
René Brannan, Deacon Representative	Leslie Bickford, Member-at-large

Rev. Jane Summey, ex officio



# Nominations for Elders and Deacons for the Class of 2024

**Eight Elders and Seven Deacons will be elected  
to begin three-year terms of service in January**

## Office of Elder

*“... congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are ... chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life.” (Book of Order 2019-2021, G-2.0301)*

Elders constitute the Session (the ruling body) of the congregation. At OAPC, elders lead the Session Committees: Faith Formation, Congregational Care, Fellowship, Culture of Calling, Communications and Technology, Evangelism, Finance, Missions, Personnel, Property, and Worship. In addition, each year one Elder serves as the Clerk and another as the Vice-Clerk; they also lead the Nominating Committee.

## Office of Deacon

*“The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service... Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry.” (Book of Order 2019-2021, G-2.0201)*

At OAPC, Deacons are tasked to care for members (especially in times of need), to oversee all caring ministries, and to encourage all disciples of OAPC to share fully in the life, work and worship of the congregation. A vital part of each Deacon’s service is caring for a specific group of members (their Deacon Care group).

**Elder Class of 2021:**

Anita Case	Paul Lee	Martha Purser
David Hyatt	Richards McCrae	Kat West
Paul Kutz	Rebecca Oliver	

**Elder Class of 2022:**

Jamie Brannan	Bill LeGrand	Mary Ann McDow
Chad Echols	Gracie Magyar	Jenn Williamson
Rebecca Evers	Adam Marshall	

**Elder Class of 2023:**

Charlie Burnette	Anna Richards	Melissa Tilden
Dennis Haire	Matt Shelton	Sue Williams
Scott Huffmon	Claudia Snowber- Marini	

**Deacon Class of 2021:**

Janet Duffy	Ashley Landrum	Jackie Murphy
Robin Huffmon	Clarkson McDow	
Mary Jacumin	Jane Modla	

**Deacon Class of 2022:**

Lynn Haire	Carolyn Moore	Kathleen Shields-Williams
Brian Hamel	Kelsey Williams Moore	
Lib Harkness	Hall Rogers	

**Deacon Class of 2023:**

Bill Beaty	Elizabeth Handy	Kelly Williamson
René Brannan	Lucille Harper	
Ashley Gibson	Becky Trella	

**Guidelines for Elders and Deacons elected at OAPC**

- Commitment to Christ, the church, and its mission
- Regular attendance at public worship and active participation in the life of the congregation
- Evidence of continuing financial commitment to the church and its mission
- Ability to complete tasks and fulfill responsibilities
- Willingness to listen to other viewpoints and ability to be a peacemaker of the church
- Membership at Oakland Avenue for at least one year before serving as an officer
- Spouses/Immediate family members will not serve as Officers on the same board at the same time.

**Suggestions for O.A.P.C. Officers for the Class of 2024:**

*Suggest as many members and use as many forms as you wish.*

*You do not need to designate a specific office. A person's interest in serving does not need to be verified prior to submitting this form.*

*You may include why each person should be considered.*

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