

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS and NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is compiling a list of church members interested in serving as church officers or as members of the Nominating Committee. Please feel free to suggest yourself or someone you know for consideration. The Nominating Committee values and encourages self-nominations. Before nominating someone, please review the brief description of each Board found following this form. Each elder, trustee, and deacon serves a three year term; youth elders and youth deacons serve a one year term. Members of the Nominating Committee serve a two year term. Terms begin in January 2023. The Nominating Committee would appreciate receiving your nominations or expressions of interest.

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

POSITION OF INTEREST: _____SESSION

_____DEACON

_____TRUSTEE

_____NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBER

NOMINEE'S EXPERIENCE/INTERESTS

Submitted by: _____

Please return your nominations **by June 20, 2022** to the church office or via email:
nominations@ryepc.com.

Feel free to reach out to anyone on the Nominating Committee if you have questions.

Nominating Committee:

Chrissy Connor, Chad Estep, Laura Mackenzie, Addy Park, Elizabeth Parks, Christopher Russell, Tony Savarese, Mary Versfelt – Chair, and Caroline Wallach

THE SESSION

The Session, comprised of 18 elders, one youth elder and the church pastors, is responsible for the mission and governance of the church. The Session has the following responsibilities: to receive new members; to lead the congregation in mission work; to provide for worship, including serving communion; to develop and supervise the educational programs; to provide for the growth of its members in ministry, witness, service and fellowship; to develop Christian stewardship; to establish the annual budget; to oversee the work of the deacons, trustees and other church organizations; and to provide for the administration and personnel of the church. The church elders also have the dual responsibility of serving as part of the Hudson River Presbytery and also of representing the Presbytery in the congregation. The Session normally meets the fourth Wednesday of the month (8 to 10 times per year), at 7:30 p.m. Each elder serves on a committee: Christian Education, Communication, Congregational Care, Mission and Outreach, Nominating, Personnel (joint committee with Trustees), Stewardship (joint committee with Trustees), and Worship and Music. Elders serve a 3 year term. Youth elders serve a 1 year term, usually beginning in January of junior year.

THE DEACONS

The Board of Deacons has 21 deacons and two youth deacons. Each Deacon has responsibility for a parish, which consists of about 25 families within the congregation. The Deacons' ministry involves: contacting the families of their parish; welcoming new members to the congregation and assisting them in becoming involved in the church; delivering flowers; assisting at Coffee Hour; supporting parish families in times of crisis such as illness or death; recognizing and celebrating joyful occasions like births, baptisms, and weddings; planning and coordinating new member desserts, the fall picnic, and special events; meeting special needs such as assisting home-bound church members; assisting a pastor in taking communion to those who are unable to attend church. Deacons normally meet the third Wednesday of the month (8 to 10 times per year) at 7:30 p.m. Deacons serve a 3 year term. Youth deacons serve a 1 year term, usually beginning in January of junior (or sophomore) year.

THE TRUSTEES

The 15 Trustees have the responsibility of managing the property and all finances of the church, subject to the authority of the Session. They report regularly to the Session on all matters committed to them including financial statements and a report of their proceedings. The Trustees normally meet the third or fourth Wednesday of the month (8 to 10 times per year) at 7:30 p.m. Each Trustee serves on a committee: Buildings and Grounds, Insurance, Investment, Legal/Audit, Nominating, Personnel (joint committee with Session), and Stewardship (joint committee with Session). Trustees serve a 3 year term.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee consists of five members elected at large from the congregation plus representatives from each of the church boards. Its purpose is to develop a slate of interested church members to serve on the boards and the Nominating Committee or to nominate replacements for board members when needed. The Committee meets 4 or 5 times a year, from late spring to mid fall and reaches out to all prospective nominees. Committee members at large serve a 2 year term.