

## Commitment and Responsibilities for Deacons at Faith Presbyterian Church Cape Coral, Florida

The office of deacon as set forth in Scripture in one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office. G-6.0400

It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress. They shall assume such other duties as may be delegated to them from time to time by the session. G-6.0401

One of the biggest joys as a deacon is getting to know the members of the church congregation through our geographic neighborhoods. Each deacon is assigned a neighborhood for a period of one to three years. The guidance we give our members is everlasting and will enrich your life through the deacon program. Typically, the time performing the various duties averages a day a month.

Here is a list of some of our responsibilities:

- Monthly meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 PM. They last approximately 60 minutes.
- Attend and participate in worship on the day of congregational meetings to elect officers and install officers.
- Provide communication to your neighborhood. This could be in the form of a phone call, birthday or anniversary cards, get well cards, letters, email, etc.
- Expect phone calls from the church office when someone from your neighborhood is ill or hospitalized. Be ready to provide support to the family, send a card, take flowers from Sunday's worship, etc.
- Early in the year, write a letter of introduction to send to all in your neighborhood.
- The deacon board has several sub committees we manage: flowers, transportation, memorials, hospitality.
- Attend communion service training once a year. A schedule is determined for serving communion throughout the year. Normally, each deacon participates six times a year.
- Help with the Disaster Task Force by making phone calls to ensure everyone is safe prior and post a disaster event.
- Meet jointly with the session in September.
- Manage the sale of memorial lilies and poinsettias.

Our big yearly event is the annual Church Picnic. The deacons coordinate the whole event from start to finish, from securing the site, to providing food and volunteer help. This is a great opportunity to build relationships with other members of our church family.

We welcome this opportunity for the Faith congregation to prayerfully make their deacon recommendations to the Nominating Committee. The recommendation may certainly include you. This is another way for all of us to participate in the successful operation here at Faith.