Suggestions for Elders for the Class of 2022

The Nominating Committee is responsible for developing a slate of church members to be proposed to the congregation for election as elders to serve in the Session Class of 2022.

The Nominating Committee welcomes your suggestions of persons who might serve on the Session. Please turn in your suggestions to the church office on this form or via email to Mary Putman (<u>maryfpc@hickoryfpc.org</u>) by Sunday, July 28th. For each person suggested, include a brief statement of the activities or qualities that you believe commend them to serve on the Session. Please consider the following provisions from the Book of Order concerning elders:

G-2.0301 Ruling Elder Defined (from the new Form of Government, effective July 10, 2011**)** As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they "lord it over" the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they 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. Ruling elders, together with teaching elders [pastors], exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session. When elected as commissioners to higher councils, ruling elders participate and vote with the same authority as teaching elders, and they are eligible for any office.

Once the Nominating Committee has prepared a slate, the Session will call a meeting of the congregation to elect the class of 2022. Questions? Please contact Elder Ty Poston, Chair, at 828-612-3887 or ty@postongroup.com.

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Committee consider the following person(s) t	o be nominated to serve on the Session:

Comments:

Use the back if needed.

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