

Officer Nominations

Please read, and carefully reflect on, 1 Timothy 3:1-13 concerning Officer qualifications. **After prayer, please make sure to contact those members whose names you wish to submit in order to find out beforehand whether or not they would be willing to serve.** Place the completed form in the offering plate, or you may forward it via the U. S. mail to: Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church, 5503 Sunset Blvd., Lexington, SC 29072, Attn: Grace Ann Taylor.

Officers currently serving:

Elders - Tara Black, Ray Carpenter, Rick Green, Tommy Haile, Chip Johnson, Brent McGee, Madonna Moore, Byron Reams, Beth Rivers, Grace Ann Taylor, Scott Welborn, and Barry Williams. The active Elders also added Joe Moore as a non-voting member to serve as Clerk of Session this year.

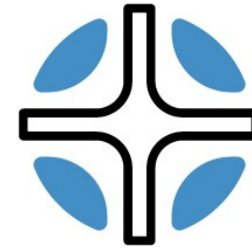
Deacons - Candi Ashcraft, Jack Barber, Mel Blackwell, Terry Cagle, Stephanie Carter, Ron Cathey, Chris Claypool, Dawn Cochran, Jean Cochran, Kathy Collins, Bryan Cully, Chance DeRouen, Marti Evans, John Flanagan, Rob Gibbons, Trudi Greene, Leah Hall, Marcy Hall, Deck Hudson, Steve Jewell, Flip Law, John Lee, Pandra Lemrow, Tony McCluney, Stuart Nickles, Bill Seymour, Bob Speaks, Eugenia Stanfield, Megan Taylor, and George Wham.

My recommendations to the Nominating Committee are listed below:

Officer Recommendations:

Name:	Date Contacted:
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Recommended by _____



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Healthy leadership is essential to the spiritual vitality of our congregation. Therefore, the importance of the process for selecting Saxe Gotha Presbyterian's leadership can not be overstated. It is imperative that you very carefully and very prayerfully choose the individuals to suggest as nominees for either Elder or Deacon. Ultimately, the responsibility of the congregation to elect its own officers is a fundamental and distinctive element of Presbyterian church government.

The policy-making body of a Presbyterian congregation is the Session, which is comprised of both Elders and Pastors. The Senior Pastor serves as the Moderator. Members of the Session work together to develop and advance the mission of Saxe Gotha. Elders may also serve on higher governing bodies, such as the Presbytery and Synod. In their role at Saxe Gotha, the Deacons function alongside the Elders on the various ministry teams and lead in carrying out the work necessary to further the witness of our church.

Terms of Service

At Saxe Gotha, the Ruling Elders and Deacons will be elected to serve terms of no more than three (3) years. Although they may be eligible for reelection according to congregational rule, ordinarily there will be a break in service before active officers are considered again for nomination. However, no Elder or Deacon will be eligible to serve more than six (6) consecutive years; and an Elder or a Deacon who has actually served for six (6) consecutive years will be ineligible for election to the same office for at least one (1) full year.

Eligibility for Election

Any person who is currently an active member of the Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church, and who adheres to the Essentials Tenets of ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians, can be nominated to serve as an Elder or a Deacon for our church. You will find the Essential Tenets at eco-pres.org.

The Ministry of Elders

Elders are given the authority and responsibility, along with our Pastors, to oversee the spiritual health of this church, and to ensure the congregation's faithfulness to God's mission. Elders will be elected by vote of the active members who are present at a Congregational Meeting.

The Ministry of Deacons

Ordinarily, the Biblical office of Deacon will be utilized by Presbyterian congregations. Deacons play a major leadership role in the ministries that nurture fellowship and care-giving within and beyond the congregation. As with Ruling Elders, Deacons may also be called on to preach, teach, or otherwise assume special responsibilities. The Session assigns, directs, and provides oversight for them. Deacons at Saxe Gotha are elected by vote of the active members who are present at a Congregational Meeting called for that purpose.

Nominations and Election

Any active member on the roll of Saxe Gotha may make a nomination. You may even nominate yourself. All persons whose names are sent in will be notified of their nomination; and if they agree to be officially considered, they will then be interviewed by the Officer Nominating Committee. This is a group of members which is comprised of Elders, Deacons, and lay people from many segments of the Saxe Gotha church community. The committee evaluates the needs anticipated by the ministries due to turnover, and the gifts of the persons who have been recommended for nomination, in order to give Session a list of candidates to fill the vacancies and serve as Elders and Deacons. If the Session concurs with the slate of nominees proposed, a Congregational Meeting will be called and the names will be presented to our members for approval.