

Policy of New Life Christian Community
By the Approval of New Life Christian Community

Governance Process
Deacon Qualifications

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Statement of Provision

Specific Deacon/Deaconess qualifications are those that are consistent with Biblical mandates found in Acts 6:1-6 and 1 Timothy 3:8-13 as well as leadership standards, Distinctives and policies unique to the NLCC community.

Accordingly:

1. The selection of a deacon/deaconess, as described in GOV-09, will be according to the following Biblical requirements:
 - a. Good reputation
 - b. Full of the Spirit
 - c. Full of wisdom
 - d. Full of faith
 - e. Dignified
 - f. Not double-tongued (liar)
 - g. Not addicted to alcohol
 - h. Not greedy
 - i. Must be tested first
 - j. Must be blameless
 - k. Married to one spouse (not a polygamist)
 - l. Manages children and household well
 - m. Spouse is dignified
 - n. Spouse is not a slanderer
 - o. Spouse is sober-minded
 - p. Spouse is faithful
2. The following leadership qualities must be evident in individuals being considered for Deaconship.
 - a. Able to think critically, creatively and globally through issues.
 - b. Able to receive and offer constructive criticism.
 - c. Teachable.
 - d. Able to follow directions from the Council of Elders and Pastor.
 - e. Able to listen to God's voice and obey His direction.
3. The following qualifications unique to NLCC must be evidence in individuals being considered for Deaconship.
 - a. In agreement with NLCC Statement of Faith.
 - b. In agreement with NLCC Distinctives.
 - c. In agreement with NLCC policies.

- d. In agreement with NLCC philosophy and style of ministry.
- e. In agreement with the Council of Elders' chosen style of governance.
- f. Supportive of the Senior Pastor.
- g. Able to identify and use personal spiritual gifts.
- h. A proven track record of working well with people.
- i. A desire to serve in various ministry capacities within NLCC.
- j. Able to attend NLCC worship services on a consistent basis.
- k. Currently in good standing with NLCC.
- l. General support from family members.