

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

**Governance Process
Selection of Deacons**

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Statement of Provision

As the church is to be an example of Godly living, as God ordained, the leaders of the church must be an example of this for those under their authority, care, or teaching.

Accordingly:

1. Deacons shall be recommended by the church community and vetted by the Council of Elders.
2. Deacons must be examined to see if they fit the description of a Deacon in 1 Timothy 3:8-13 and Acts 6:3.
3. Deacons must complete a Criminal Record Check before fulfilling their ministry. The Criminal Record Check must be completed for the first time they are selected for their role. A Criminal Record Check will also be required when returning from a sabbatical year.
4. A Deacon shall be appointed for a term of one year. Deacons may return for multiply years should they be considered for the position the following year.
5. A Deacon's length of service shall be to a maximum of six consecutive years, after which time they must take a sabbatical break for a minimum of one year before being considered to return to another Deacon role. Two roles will be the exception to this rule: Treasurer (Income) and Treasurer (Debit). A Deacon appointed to either of these roles must a sabbatical break after two consecutive years of service.

Procedure

1. The nomination process for Deacon will begin with the church meeting for prayer to seek God's direction as to who to ask to fulfill each Deacon role.
2. The church shall begin with a blank slate of roles for deaconship.
3. During the nomination process for Deacons, the candidates will be interviewed by the Elders to see if he/she fits the Biblical description in 1 Timothy 3:8-13 and Acts 6:3. (Use form Vetting Process for Deacons).
4. Upon acceptance the Deacon shall attend the New Deacon Orientation.

Attached Forms

FRM-04 Men's Character assessment for Leadership

FRM-05 Women's Character assessment for Deaconship

FRM-16 New Deacon Orientation Process