

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

**Governance Process**

**Role of Elder and Deacon Spouse**

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*Statement of Provision*

We recognize that the wife of an Elder can and does influence her husband. We also recognize that the spouse of a Deacon can and does influence his/her spouse. Therefore, it is important that the spouse of an Elder or Deacon must also have Godly character.

Accordingly:

1. The spouse of a candidate being considered for a role as Elder or Deacon shall be interviewed in person by the Pastor and/or Elder Chairman to validate his/her husband's or wife's Biblical qualifications for the role, as per policies GOV-5 and GOV-06
2. The spouse of an Elder or Deacon shall have the following characteristics (1 Tim 3:11):
  - a. A Christian
  - b. Dignified
  - c. Does not slander
  - d. Is sober-minded
  - e. Faithful
3. If the spouse is found to not have the above characteristics, the candidate being considered for leadership shall be removed from the nomination. If the person is already in leadership, they shall be removed from that position.

*Attached Forms*

FRM-09 Candidate's (Elder and Deacon) Spouse questions