

Nomination Form

We prayerfully and respectfully nominate:

_____ (English name) _____ (Chinese name)

_____ (phone) _____ (email)

to the office of Elder / Deacon .

- We are registered and active members of ICRC
- We believe that the nominee meets the qualifications for the said office
- We agree to abide by the decisions of the duly authorized ICRC body

Nominated by:

1. _____ (name) _____ (signature)

_____ (phone) _____ (email)

2. _____ (name) _____ (signature)

_____ (phone) _____ (email)

3. _____ (name) _____ (signature)

_____ (phone) _____ (email)

Date: _____



Nomination & Election Process

1. **Membership Committee** collects nominations from church members and affirms each nominee's general qualifications (active membership status, age, etc.).
2. **Consistory** affirms each nominee's spiritual qualifications, endorses each nominee by a 2/3 affirmative vote, then submits the approved list of nominees to the Council.
3. **Council** approves each nominee by a 2/3 affirmative vote and submits approved list of nominees to the Annual General Meeting (AGM). In the event a written objection against a nominee is received in writing which furthermore is regarded valid by the duly authorized ICRC body, the nominee will not be included in the list of candidates on election day.
4. **ICRC members**, at the AGM, elect candidates by the required vote.
5. **Elected candidates** are ordained and installed into the offices.



NOMINATION OF ELDER & DEACON



The Offices of Elder & Deacon

Elders are called to the ministries of teaching and shepherding. They nurture the communal and individual spiritual life of ICRC members, and seek to ensure that both the truth and the grace of the Gospel are borne out in the Body of Christ at ICRC.

Duties of an Elder

(Acts 20:28-30 & Church Order 12, 25, 52)

- Supervise the doctrine & life of church members
- Exercise admonition & discipline
- Extend pastoral care over the congregation
- Engage in and promote evangelism
- Defend the faith
- Regulate worship services

Qualities of an Elder

(1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:6-9)

- Good life testimony
- Good family testimony
- Humble (not self-willed/arrogant)
- Patient (not easily angered)
- Self-controlled (not enslaved to appetites)
- Gentle (not physically/verbally violent; not quarrelsome)
- Loves what is good, upright, holy
- Integrity (not seeking dishonest gain)
- Hospitable
- Able to teach God's truths
- Not a new believer

Deacons are called to the ministries of mercy and stewardship. A deacon delights in serving others, in demonstrating Christ's love in mercy ministries of all kinds, and in faithfully managing the resources entrusted to ICRC by the Lord.

Duties of a Deacon

(Acts 6:3 & Church Order 25c)

- Care for the poor and needy (especially believers)
- Encourage others to do so the same
- Do the administrative work of Council

Qualities of a Deacon

(1 Timothy 3:8-13)

- Good life testimony
- Good family testimony
- Integrity (not double-tongued, not seeking dishonest gain)
- Self-control (not addicted to wine, not a malicious talker)
- Faithful in all things
- Firm on doctrines

How to Make a Nomination

ICRC members are called to identify and nominate some from among the church body for the offices of Elder and Deacon. Nomination of officers is both a privilege and a responsibility of church membership. Here are the steps to follow:

1. **Pray** as you consider a potential nominee, asking the Holy Spirit for wisdom and discernment.
2. **Ponder** over the spiritual qualifications, remembering that the Bible emphasizes the character of the person more than the skills.
3. **Determine** whether the person is eligible for nomination. A nominee must:
 - Be a registered active member of ICRC, regularly attending Sunday worship service and having served at some ICRC ministry for 3 years or more.
 - Be of qualifying age: At least 40 years old in the case of an Elder, and 25 years for a Deacon.
4. **Complete and submit** the nomination form by the posted deadline. Nominate only one person per form, ensuring it is signed by three active members. When submitting, simply tear off the nomination form from this brochure. Please note that an incomplete nomination form will be voided.

Place completed form in Dropbox on table at chapel lobby.