

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE NOMINATING PROCESS

**Your participation in the nominating process is very important.**

You participate in two ways:

- Give prayerful consideration to the needs of the Church and the talents of your fellow congregants, and bring forward to the Nominating Committee those who you feel are called to leadership in this Church;
- If you are nominated and feel called to serve, accept the call with energy and enthusiasm, and give your best efforts to advance the life and mission of House of Hope.

**Where to send the Nominating Form:**  
Mail or hand-deliver (to the Church office) the Nominating Form to:

House of Hope Presbyterian Church  
Nominating Committee  
797 Summit Avenue  
Saint Paul, MN 55105-3392

If you have any questions, contact  
Matthew Brenengen, (651) 210-6099,  
[brenengen@gmail.com](mailto:brenengen@gmail.com)

### **Confidentiality**

Please respect the fact that the Nominating Committee must conduct its work in private and make its decisions based on many considerations.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Q. Who can be nominated?**

A. A nominee must be:

- A member of House of Hope;
- Faithful in worship attendance;
- Active in the program life of the Church;
- A regular contributor to the Church;
- Not a present member of the board to which s/he is nominated, though s/he may serve on a different board.

### **Q. Who can recommend a member for nomination?**

A. Any member of House of Hope.

### **Q. Can I nominate myself?**

A. Yes (it's called, volunteering).

### **Q. How do I make my recommendation for a nominee?**

A. By completing the attached form.  
Use multiple forms for multiple recommendations.

### **Q. When should I make my recommendations?**

A. Now. The Nominating Committee begins its work in late August.

### **Q. Will everyone who is recommended be nominated?**

A. No, not necessarily.

Thank you!

## HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS

A Message from the 2020  
Nominating Committee

**CALLED TO LEADERSHIP**  
Serving the Church in the Offices of  
Elder, Deacon and Trustee



*Now there are varieties of gifts, but  
the same  
Spirit; and there are varieties of  
services,  
but the same Lord...To each is  
given the  
manifestation of the Spirit for the  
Common Good.*

—1 Corinthians 12:4 and 7

## THE WORK OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is created by the Church's Bylaws. It consists of nine persons:

- Three from the Congregation at large (for 2020, these are Jan Dickinson, Robin Solac, and Jon Cotner);
- Members of the Board of Deacons (Dave Mayer, Linda Trouten);
- A member of the Board of Trustees (Jack Sjöholm, Jr.);
- Members of the Session (Marcia Everson, James McCartney);
- It is chaired by the Deputy Clerk of the Session (Mathew Brenengen).

For 2020, the Nominating Committee is charged with identifying and recruiting:

- 20 Deacons, plus 2-8 Youth Deacons;
- 4 Trustees;
- 11 Elders, plus 2 Youth Elders;
- 5 members of the Congregation at large, to serve on next year's Nominating Committee; and The Nominating Committee begins its work in late summer. In January 2020 it will present its nominees to the Session for its approval. The full Congregation will vote on these nominees in February, and they will take office beginning in June 2020.

If you have any questions about the Nominating Committee or its work, please ask any of the persons named above, any of the ministers or Matthew Brenengen.

## WHAT DO CHURCH OFFICERS DO?

The role of officers is uniquely important in the Presbyterian Church. House of Hope seeks to cultivate an atmosphere of vigorous leadership from within the Congregation. Church offices serve for three-year terms, and one third of each body is elected each year. The Church bodies staffed by the Nominating Committee are:

- **Elders.** House of Hope is governed by a Session, consisting of 33 Elders, plus 2 youth Elders (who are elected to one year terms). The Session oversees the Church's programs, activities and financial affairs. Its responsibilities also include receiving new members, leading the Congregation in mission, providing for worship and the administration of the sacraments (baptism and communion), education programs, pastoral care and fellowship opportunities. The Session leads and challenges the Congregation in its stewardship of time, talent and financial resources.

- **Trustees.** House of Hope has 12 Trustees. They oversee the financial affairs of the Church, including the endowment, and they manage and maintain Church property.

- **Deacons.** House of Hope has 60 Deacons, including youth Deacons. They serve in all ministries of the Church, most notably hospitality, outreach and member care.

## HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2020 OFFICER NOMINATING FORM

I recommend that the Nominating Committee consider the following person/s for Church office:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

Office (Elder, Trustee or Deacon): \_\_\_\_\_

Qualifications: \_\_\_\_\_

I have discussed this with the person (such discussion is preferred)

Yes \_\_ No \_\_

Recommended by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Best contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Officer nominations can also be made by e-mail to Matthew Brenengen at [brenengen@gmail.com](mailto:brenengen@gmail.com)