

WPC Deacon Job Description

Deacons are defined as the “Ministry of Compassion and Service” by the Presbyterian Book of Order (G-2.0201) in this way:

The ministry of Deacon as set forth in scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. At WPC, the deacon ministry is a cooperative effort of individual deacons who work together as the Board of Deacons.

Responsibilities:

Term is for 3 years; maximum of 6 consecutive years

- Maintain contact and build relationship with an assigned portion of the WPC members and regular attendees.
- Maintain confidentiality in all communications
- Pray for the needs of the church and each other
- Serve communion on assigned months which includes set up, serving and breakdown after service
- Deliver altar flowers after Sunday service, if not claimed by donor, to those in need of a spiritual lift
- Attend a monthly Deacon meeting, usually the second Monday of each month

Skills and Attributes Necessary:

- Spiritual character
- Honesty
- Sincere compassion, kindness, and gentleness
- Sound judgment
- Lead by example
- Ability to demonstrate brotherly and sisterly love
- Consistency and ability to follow through on commitments
- Ability to read and send email in a timely manner

Monthly Time commitment:

- Monthly meeting – 2 hours
- Time for other duties (calling, visiting, card writing and others) can vary greatly depending; usually 4-8 hours.

In 1Timothy 1:12 we read, “I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service.”

Serving as Deacon is a privilege and an honor and a response to God’s call and love for us. Know that you will be blessed as you serve God and the congregation.

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