

Cuyahoga Valley Church Elder Nomination Signatures



Qualifications for an elder:

- A candidate for elder must have been a member of the church for at least one year prior to his election to office.
- Candidates for the Elder Team must be non-staff members of CVC.

Those men who have been called of God serve the church through leading (Titus 1:7), ruling (I Thessalonians 5:12), shepherding (Acts 20:28), teaching (I Timothy 3:2), equipping (Ephesians 4:12), and being examples (I Peter 5:3) are called elders, pastors, or overseers. These are three interchangeable names designating one office in the church (Acts 20:17, 28; Ephesians 4:11, 12; Titus 1:5, 7).

Anyone desiring the office of an elder must evidence to God's people the personal, domestic, and ministerial qualifications that are set forth in scripture (I Timothy 3:1-7; II Timothy 2:24-26; Titus 1:5-9). For further explanation of an Elder's qualifications, see "Portrait of a Godly Elder." (This may be acquired by calling Jane Rutti at the church office, 440.746.0404, CVC x208.)

Please return this form c/o the Elder Nomination Search Team, 5055 East Wallings Road, Broadview Hts., OH 44147, Attn: Jane Rutti.

- **If you are nominating yourself**, sign both lines.
- **If you are nominating someone else**, ask them to sign the top section while you sign the bottom section.

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For the person being nominated as an elder:

By signing this I signify that I have recently read the *Portrait of a Godly Elder* in light of my nomination and am willing to have my name placed in nomination as an elder of CVC.

Nominee: _____

Date: _____

For the person nominating someone to be an elder:

By signing this I signify that I have recently read the *Portrait of a Godly Elder* in light of who I am nominating and have prayerfully considered this nomination.

Your Name: _____

Date: _____

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Listed below is the process for elder nominee selection:

1. Members may make nominations directly to the Elder Team comprised of Chad Allen, Ron Cleveland, Dan Conway, Wayne Douglas, Rick Duncan, Gary Nave, and Dale Piscura. *We ask that the position paper entitled "Portrait of a Godly Elder" be read or re-read before nominating any person.* ("Portrait" paper may be acquired by calling Jane Rutti at the church office, 440.746.0404, CVC x208.)

Nominations can come from these sources:

- *A person may nominate himself.*
- *A member of the congregation may nominate candidates. Please ask potential candidates for permission to place their name in nomination.*
- *The Elder Team may nominate candidates.*

2. The nominees will be asked to fill out a questionnaire to help to determine their qualifications.
3. The Elder Search Nomination Team will receive all nominations and conduct initial interviews.
4. The Elder Team will then interview the nominees and ask those qualified to serve alongside the Elder Team for 6 months.
5. The Elder Team will meet for prayerful consideration of who to bring before the church as a recommended elder.
6. The Elder Team will present candidates to the church. Opportunity will be given for church members to bring up possible concerns/objections in this order: (1) to the candidates in a one-on-one meeting, (2) to the Elder Team, and (3) if concerns still exist after discussing the concerns with the elders and if the elders are moving forward with the recommendation, to the church at an open meeting.
7. The Elder Team will meet with candidates to discuss any issues raised by individuals in the church.
8. The Elder Team will bring final candidates to the church at a members meeting for approval.
9. The constitution states that the call of an elder must be affirmed by a three-fourths majority vote.

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REMEMBER: *"Character is key!"*