



2019
Election of Elders
Discernment Process

A Process of Discernment and Nomination

The primary purpose of the Church Council is to give medium to long term spiritual oversight to the life and mission of the congregation.

At this time nominations are sought for Elders.

Our process for election is a discernment process. Over the coming days we are each asked to spend time listening for whom God might be calling us to nominate, elect and honour as Elders.

Current membership of Church Council is:

Continuing members: Barry Jardine, Rosemary Costello, Graham Emblen, Nathan Robertson & Kristy Johnson (*Continuing members don't need to be renominated*)

Expiring members: Alison Anderson, Christine Manning, & Dennis Shanks (*Expiring members may be renominated and each of these are willing*)

New members: There is room for another one or two members

The time frame for our election process will be:

10th to 24th March – opportunity to make nominations. Nominees should not be approached at this time. Nominations are made individually, with an individual requiring two nominations to be considered. To nominate someone, please complete the nomination form available with this pamphlet place in the nomination box located in the foyer.

24th March – close of nominations.

Week beginning **24th March** – nominees will be contacted advising them of their nomination, including the names of those who nominated them.

During the week prior to the AGM – nominees will meet with the Senior Minister to discuss nomination and share in discerning God's calling.

The profiles of those who have accepted nomination will be displayed in the foyer and on the website and made available on the day of the AGM.

In considering your nominations, please consider the role description for elders.

Sunday 31st March – election takes place at the AGM following the service.

Role Description for Elders

Personal characteristics:

- A growing disciple of Jesus Christ who seeks to say no to self and yes to Jesus daily (Luke 9:23).
- A person who is committed to God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), trusts Christ deeply, is open to the Holy Spirit, whose life is characterised by the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5: 22-23) and godly character (2 Pet 1:5-7).
- Possesses at least one of the spiritual gifts of wisdom, discernment, leadership, faith or knowledge
- Committed to the purpose and core values of Emmanuel Uniting Church.
- In the power of the Holy Spirit, seeks to express 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-8
- A person of insight, vision, forward, abstract and lateral thinking
- Possesses a deep love for God, other people and the church that leads them to build God's church

Responsibilities:

- Make attendance at Church Council meetings a high priority
- Ensure proper preparation for each meeting and full participation
- Be willing to explain Church Council decisions within the congregation
- Undergird the work of the Church Council and congregation in prayer

Conduct:

- In the power of the Holy Spirit seeks to live as a growing disciple of Jesus Christ and express the purpose of Emmanuel Uniting
- Work together with the Church Council as a team, under the headship of Jesus Christ, in the best interests of the whole congregation and community.
- Be courageous and endeavour to make the right decisions at all times.
- Be open to more effective ways of doing ministry.
- Care about, respect, and trust one another (1 Tim. 3:2; 2 Tim. 2:2).
- Deal quickly and biblically with any disagreements among themselves.
- Recognise that they have no authority over others except when acting corporately as the Church Council.
- Respect the confidentiality of matters discussed.

Nomination for election to the Church Council

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- *You can nominate more than one person, complete a separate form for each person you are nominating.*

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for election as

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Elder

Signed: _____

Name: _____

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