

## ARTICLE 2.6 Deacons

### Section 1 – Composition

Deacons shall be men duly selected, approved and affirmed. The number of Deacons shall be determined by the Session.

### Section 2 – Qualifications

The qualifications of a deacon are outlined in the Scriptures, especially in 1 Timothy 3:8-13, and the same as applying to elders in Article 2.4, Section 2, except that no previous service as deacon shall be required. A candidate for deacon shall be at least 25 years old and a member of the Church at least one (1) year.

### Section 3 – Duties

The duties of Deacons shall be to care for the needs of the Body as identified. Deacons shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of all the real property of the Church, as well as certain personnel and fiscal matters as specified by the Session. They and others of the Church whom they may designate shall serve the congregation as ushers at services of the Church.

### Section 4 – Structure and tenure

The structure and tenure of Deacons shall be the same as for elders (Article 2.4, Section 4).

## Section 5 – Meetings

The Deacons shall meet regularly as needed. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of those elected and serving. A special meeting may be called by a pastor, elder or deacon as may be necessary.

## Section 6 – Officers

Each year following the election and installation of a new class, the deacons shall select the leadership considered necessary to fulfill their ministry to the Church body.

# ARTICLE 2.7 Joint Meetings

## Section 1 – Purpose

Joint meetings shall be for prayer, Church business and fellowship. Clerk of Session will keep minutes of such meetings and furnish a copy of such minutes to the Deacons.

## Section 2 – Meetings

The Session and deacons shall convene in a joint meeting during the first month following installation of new officers, at a time set by the Session.

Other such meetings shall be at the call of the Session. Also, Deacons may request the Session to call a joint meeting when they deem it necessary.

## Section 3 – Matters requiring action by joint Session/Deacon meeting

- A. The determination of salaries of the Lead Pastor and other persons engaged in the spiritual ministry and worship services of the Church.
- B. Decisions involving a capital expenditure in excess of \$20,000.