

Deacon Role Description

CLEMSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Brief Description: Both the Scriptures (e.g. Acts 6:1-7) and the Book of Church Order (C. 9) describe the office of deacon as primarily one of service and mercy. The deacons are called to lead and serve the congregation of Clemson Presbyterian Church in the accomplishment of her vision. Deacons are elected by the congregation to serve a four-year term. They must take a sabbatical year before being nominated and elected to serve another four-year term. Deacons are under the supervision of and authority of the Session.

Qualifications: See 1 Timothy 3:1-7

Role Responsibilities: A deacon must...

1. Pursue personal holiness by God's grace, developing and executing an annual Personal Spiritual Renewal Plan, including repentance. This will be shared with the other deacons.
2. Pray regularly for CPC, its ministries, and her people.
3. Promote and support the activities of the church, consistently participating in weekly worship and church-wide activities.
4. Be prepared for, attend, and participate in stated and called Diaconate meetings.
5. Oversee and carry on the ministries of mercy to those who are needy inside and outside the congregation.
6. Care for the widows of the church.
7. Prepare and maintain the church facilities for proper worship and the function of her ministries.
8. Upkeep and care of the church's property.
9. Oversee the finances of the church in coordination with the Finance Committee. Develop the grace of generous giving in the members of the church.
10. Fulfill the responsibilities of the Deacon on Call for the assigned week.
11. Agree and sign the Annual Deacon Affirmation each year.