

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, NASHVILLE

DEACON RESPONSIBILITIES

- Participate in Officer Training as required by the *Book of Order*.
- Be examined by the Session on completion of training.
- Be ordained and installed.

As a Deacon you are agreeing to actively, enthusiastically, regularly and wholeheartedly to participate in the following activities:

1. Agree to usher at the 8:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. worship services for four months per year, usher at two 5:30 p.m. services, plus one or more special services, and be willing to substitute or swap with others as the need arises.
2. Agree to serve on, and actively participate in the work of, one or more Session committees. This includes attendance at committee meetings (usually monthly).
3. Attend worship regularly.
4. Prayerfully and enthusiastically work with other officers to find and do God's will in our church and the world.
5. Attend scheduled Diaconate meetings, typically held on Monday evenings (currently three per year); as well as the Joint Meetings of the Session & Diaconate (four per year).
6. Participate enthusiastically in the ministries and missions of the church according to my interests and spiritual gifts.
7. To be a positive influence to the congregation on any discussions and/or decisions made within the Diaconate and Session meetings.
8. Other services which you may, from time to time, be called upon to perform.
9. Be good stewards and support the church financially, including making a pledge during the annual stewardship campaign.
10. Pray regularly for the congregation and work of the church.
11. If asked, serve as an Officer Friend for a member of the Confirmation Class.
12. To appreciate and wholeheartedly support the decisions of the Session, even though you may not agree with the majority decision.
13. Commitment to continue to grow in my faith.