

The Deacons Ministry

COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH OF ENGLEWOOD

PROSPECTIVE DEACON APPLICATION

Acts 6:1-7 NKJV

Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, ¹because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. ²Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. ³Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; ⁴but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

⁵And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, ⁶whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.



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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for expressing an interest in serving the Community Baptist Church of Englewood in the role of a Deacon. The biblical Deacon is a person of faith, integrity, wisdom, and one filled or controlled by the Holy Spirit. Deacons are chosen to respond to the needs of the congregation by providing caring and consistent oversight of the flock. Make no mistake about it; the Deacon's role is primarily that of a servant.

In addition to providing oversight to the flock, the Deacon is also called to provide leadership to the congregation alongside the Pastor. The Deacon is the Pastor's support and will serve with the Pastor in making decisions that will impact the overall functioning of the church. To that end, the Deacon must be actively involved in the life of the church, understand the vision and mission of the church, and be willing to engage in fulfilling the Pastor's vision and the church's mission.

Moreover, the Deacon must be willing to face the challenges that come with the changes of a shifting society and culture. Today's Deacon must be open to new and innovative ideas, not confined to traditional mindsets that impede true growth and development, bearing in mind that the requirement is to serve this present age while remaining faithful to the scriptures.

In order to accomplish this, every applicant that is properly vetted and recommended for the Diaconate must be willing to attend the Deacon's Training Sessions. These sessions will be intentional and intense. Deacons in Training will be required to wrestle with a wealth of information related to the biblical office of a deacon, the call and walk of a Deacon, church administration, shepherding strategies, and executing the office of a biblical deacon.

Moreover, as you consider this role, please understand that the responsibility of the Deacon is of utmost importance. Being invested with authority and influence can become intoxicating to say the least. However, while this role garners the respect of congregants and peers alike, power and prestige is not the goal. The goal is to serve the Lord by serving his people. The job gets messy and it is often a thankless venture. Nevertheless, there is an exhortation in scripture that says, "Be steadfast, immovable, and always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as you know, your labor is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Cor. 15:58)

I look forward to partnering in ministry with those who sense a call of God to serve his people in this present age. Be prayerful that you might truly discern what the will of the Lord is concerning you. Remember, you are "chosen to serve; challenged to grow."

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I. DEACON JOB DESCRIPTION

- Be actively involved in the life of the church, having provided both financial and moral support **for at least three years.**
- Be actively serving in some ministry in the life of the church (e.g., bible study class or other ministry)
- Participate in all scheduled Deacon ministry activities
- Assist in administering Communion and support corporate worship as assigned
- Support other deacon activities in support of the church
- Practice personal evangelism of the lost
- Seek opportunities to grow spiritually, including training
- Pray regularly for the Pastor, church staff and church body
- Support the pastoral staff in maintaining unity and balance within the church body