

# PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Leadership*



## DEACON

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From the time of the New Testament to today, the church has set apart certain individuals for a special ministry of service. Called deacons, these people serve and provide care to the congregation. Being a Deacon is a wonderful call to service. Deacons are the "servants" or "caregivers" of the congregation. In this congregation, people have all kinds of needs - they are recovering from surgery, grieving, lonely, ill, or otherwise in a time where they welcome the ministry of care from our congregation. In a very real way, Deacons are the hands and heart of the Church in our ministry of caring. Serving as a deacon of the Philadelphia Presbyterian Church is a privilege and a blessing. It is also an opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship. As a deacon, you are given the opportunity to know other church members in a deeper way, serving alongside them and growing in your understanding of the burdens people carry and how the church can help.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Encourage ways to be of continuing help to the congregation in terms of communications within the church, particularly through the development of "shepherding" ministries among the district leadership.
- Deacons are to maintain a monthly contact with their shepherding families, either by face-to-face contact, phone call, e-mail, or a card.
- Advise of any concerns, prayer request or referrals ASAP, to the pastor or other professional staff as appropriate, of any known needs within the congregation, which would benefit from pastoral personal attentions.
- Organize church fellowship events (e. g. September Homecoming, Family Night, and other such events).
- Plan new fellowship events as the committee deems appropriate and timely.
- If asked and available, serve in leadership roles within the Board of Deacons so that the Board can work effectively together and serve the congregation well.
- Assist in the worship of the people of God including the sharing of the Sacraments during worship and to those unable to attend in-person.