

OPP 7.10 Deacons Ministry

PURPOSE

This Operating Policy and Procedure (OPP) outlines the purpose, objectives, responsibilities, and oversight mechanisms of the Deacons Ministry in accordance with the Bylaws of Round Rock Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Round Rock, Texas.

MINISTRY PURPOSE

The Deacons Ministry provides support to the Senior Minister and Elders during worship services. Deacons are servant leaders with origins in Acts 6:1-6 and whose characteristics are identified in 1st Timothy 3:8-13.

“At the heart of every vibrant congregation is a dedicated core of deacons
who are living out of the joys of Christ’s own servant heart.”

Your Calling as a Deacon by Gary Straub & James Trader II

FUNCTIONS OF DEACONS

- Serve communion at each service of worship
- Receive offering
- Clean and store communion trays and supplies
- Restore sanctuary to initial order following each service of worship
- Receive annual training each January
- Support programming and services of the church
- Provide a Deacon representative to Ministries Council
- Provide support of additional activities as identified by the Senior Minister, Guiding Board and Elders Ministry.

MINISTRY ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Annually, in January according to the timeline of the Guiding Board, review and revise, when necessary, this OPP.

COMPOSITION AND MEMBERSHIP

- Members of the Ministry are church members who are active in personal worship, service, and growth, and are committed to the mission and vision of the congregation.
- The Deacons Ministry is comprised of sixteen to twenty-four members who are nominated annually for two-year rotating terms. During the first year, half of the number elected will serve two-year terms and the other half one-year terms.
 - Unexpired vacancies among Deacons may be filled by a majority vote of the Guiding Board.
 - The Senior Minister is an ex-officio member of the Deacons Ministry.
 - The Chair of Deacons will be elected from within the members of the Ministry.
 - The Deacon representative to the Ministries Council will be elected from within the members of the Ministry.

- The Chair of Deacons and Deacon Ministries Council Representative may be re-elected to a second one-year term

SUPPORT AND OVERSIGHT

- Support and oversight of this ministry is given to the
 - Senior Minister and Elders – programming
 - Financial Team - Ministry Budget
 - Guiding Board – Administrative

AUTHORITY: *The Bylaws of Round Rock Christian Church and RRCC OPP 1.4 – Ministry Designations. The Guiding Board designates and establishes ministries to carry out the mission of the congregation.*

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