

**2018 Nominations for Elders and Deacons**  
**Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church**

**Selection Process**

Members will vote for four Elders and four Deacons. The six highest vote receivers for Elder and the top six vote receivers for Deacon will then be placed in a box for the drawing of four names for Elders and four names for Deacons. In case of ties (in votes), both names will be submitted for drawing. There will be no mention of what names were eliminated by the vote.

**2018 Elder Nominees**  
**[Alphabetized — 4 of the 8 are to be selected]**

The qualifications for an Elder are listed in Titus 1 and I Timothy 3. So far as the Council knows these men, all of them have these qualifications. However, the congregation also needs to consider these qualifications. In addition, this handout lists other characteristics of each man that might be helpful in your selection process.

*Titus 1:5b-9* ... appoint elders in every town, as I directed you: <sup>6</sup> someone who is blameless, married only once, whose children are believers, not accused of debauchery and not rebellious. <sup>7</sup> For an overseer, as God's steward, must be blameless; he must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or addicted to wine or violent or greedy for gain; <sup>8</sup> but he must be hospitable, a lover of goodness, prudent, upright, devout, and self-controlled. <sup>9</sup> He must have a firm grasp of the word that is trustworthy in accordance with the teaching, so that he may be able both to preach with sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict it. (NRSV)

*1Tim. 3:1-7* The saying is sure: whoever aspires to the office of overseer desires a noble task. <sup>2</sup> Now an overseer must be above reproach, married only once, temperate, sensible, respectable, hospitable, an apt teacher, <sup>3</sup> not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, and not a lover of money. <sup>4</sup> He must manage his own household well, keeping his children submissive and respectful in every way— <sup>5</sup> for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how can he take care of God's church? <sup>6</sup> He must not be a recent convert, or he may be puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. <sup>7</sup> Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace and the snare of the devil. (NRSV)

**2018 Deacon Nominees**  
**[Alphabetized — 4 of the 8 are to be selected]**

The qualifications for a Deacon are listed in I Timothy 3. So far as the Council knows these men and women, all of them have these qualifications. However, the congregation also needs to consider these qualifications. In addition, this handout lists other characteristics of each person that might be helpful in your selection process.

*1Tim. 3:8-13* <sup>8</sup> Deacons likewise must be serious, not double-tongued, not indulging in much wine, not greedy for money; <sup>9</sup> they must hold fast to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. <sup>10</sup> And let them first be tested; then, if they prove themselves blameless, let them serve as deacons. <sup>11</sup> Women likewise must be serious, not slanderers, but temperate, faithful in all things. <sup>12</sup> Let deacons be married only once, and let them manage their children and their households well; <sup>13</sup> for those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and great boldness in the faith that is in Christ Jesus. (NRSV)

## 2018 ELDER NOMINEES (page 1 of 3)



Name: **Jonathan Bode**

Spouse's name: **Amy**

Number of children: **3**

How many years a member of ECRC: **15**

Ministry experience: **Small group leader, Deacon**



Name: **Todd Buikema**

Spouse's name: **Carolee**

Number of children: **4**

How many years a member of ECRC: **44**

Ministry experience: **Deacon, Treasurer, Chancel Choir, Finance Committee, Audit Committee**



Name: **Arnie Koldenhoven**

Spouse's name: **Sandy**

Number of children: **3**

How many years a member of ECRC: **20**

Ministry experience: **former Elder, member of SLT, Journey Class teacher**

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Name: **Bill Kuiper**

Spouse's name: **Kristi**

Number of children: **3**

How many years a member of ECRC: **29**

Ministry experience: **Deacon, Elder, Building & Grounds committee, Choir, Small Groups team, Church School teacher**



Name: **Bryan Rieger**

Spouse's name: **Rachel**

Number of children: **5**

How many years a member of ECRC: **17**

Ministry experience: **Deacon, Consecrated Capital Campaign Co-Chair, Missions Team, Pathfinders Leader, Men's Fraternity/Men's Discipleship Group, LINK Team, Choir, High School Youth Group setup team**



Name: **Kyle VanderBrug**

Spouse's name: **Sheri**

Number of children: **4**

How many years a member of ECRC: **32**

Ministry experience: **Usher, Deacon( 2 terms), Elder(1 term), Sunday School teacher, Christian Education Committee, small group leader**

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Name: **Karl Vos**

Spouse's name: **Maria**

Number of children: **3**

How many years a member of ECRC: **40**

Ministry experience: **Elder, Deacon, various committees at ECRC**



Name: **John Zeilstra**

Spouse's name: **Janice Van Dyke-Zeilstra**

Number of children: **7**

How many years a member of ECRC: **17**

Ministry experience: **In ECRC or elsewhere, I have served as elder, deacon, on the finance committee and most recently with prison ministry.**

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Name: **Mike de Waal Malefyt**

Spouse's name: **Rachel**

Number of children: **1**

How many years a member of ECRC: **14**

Ministry experience: **I am currently a member of the Ten Talents Team and participate in small groups**



Name: **Jim Marshall**

Spouse's name: **Wendy**

Number of Children: **2**

How many years a member of ECRC: **12**

Ministry experience: **Currently serving in the Ten Talents Team (Stewardship), and Security Host. Also a member of a mission team Tapestries of Life**



Name: **Brian Stolzenbach**

Spouse's name: **Jennifer**

Number of children: **4**

How many years a member of ECRC: **10**

Ministry experience: **Nursery**

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Name: **Dave Thomas**

Spouse's name: **Becky**

Number of children: **2**

How many years a member of ECRC: **5**

Ministry experience: **at ECRC - SOS, security host, Men's Fraternity, Dominican Republic service trip, Little Lambs website administrator, DuPage Habitat for Humanity projects; other – habitat trips to South Carolina and South Dakota, Appalachian Service Project trips, Feed My Starving Children**



Name: **Sara van den Berg**

Spouse's name: **Bastiaan**

Number of children: **2**

How many years a member of ECRC: **10**

Ministry experience: **former GEMS counselor, former Little Lambs teacher, former Timothy Christian Board Member, current Children's Worship teacher**



Name: **Bev Visser**

Spouse's name: **Peter**

Number of children: **5**

How many years a member of ECRC: **51**

Ministry experience: **GEMS, Deaconesses, Little Lambs, New Mom Ministry, Nursery, VBS, website administrator**

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Name: **Tom Vogelzang**

Spouse's name: **Melanie**

Number of children: **4**

How many years a member of ECRC: **15**

Ministry experience: **Finance committee, Pathfinders leader 3 years, nursery, special committee for giving and analyze giving, special committee for Covenant education plan**



Name: **John Wilbraham**

Spouse's name: **Kelly**

Number of children: **2**

How many years a member of ECRC: **10**

Ministry experience: **Outside of ECRC, I have been volunteering time and advocating for Roseland Christian Ministries in the Roseland neighborhood on the south side of Chicago. Inside of ECRC, I have been involved with a couple's small group and a men's bible study.**