

# Deacon/Deaconess Nomination Form

(1 Timothy 3:8-13)

**A Biblical Overview of a Deacon/Deaconess:** Deacons were first mentioned in Acts 6 and appointed in order to take some of the load off the Apostles and Elders. This would allow them to continue to teach and preach the Word of God effectively. It shows a different focus and priority for the two offices. It seems as though preaching the Word was in direct obedience to the command Jesus gave them but meeting the needs of people could not be neglected. We must find a way to do both, thus the purpose of Deacons.

- Not doubled tongue
- Not a drunkard
- Not greedy for money
- Faithful
- One wife man
- One husband woman
- Order in home
- Trustworthy
- Tested
- Reverent

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**Practical Functions of the Deacon/Deaconess:** These men and women are primarily to serve or be service orientated. This includes (1) the collection and counting of general offerings; (2) caring for others through the collection and disbursement of our benevolence fund to those in need; (3) taking care of building needs and concerns; (4) assisting in ministry events primarily by setting up and tearing down. They might also be called upon to visit church attendees and participate in other service areas to the community or body. Deacons serve for a three-year term.

**Nominations for Deacon/Deaconess:** Please prayerfully consider the men and women of East Hills and nominate according to the above information as God leads you. Only those who have been members of East Hills Community Church for at least one year can be nominated for this office. Please remember...no one is perfect. ***All nominations are due into the office on/by September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022!***