

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT CALDWELL BOARD OF DEACONS COVENANT

The Deacons Ministry is one of love, care, mercy, service and friendship for members of our Congregation and community after the example of Jesus Christ. According to our vow of ordination, we have promised to minister to those in need including the sick, the friendless, and the distressed. In accepting the position of Deacon at the First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell, you recognize how vital this ministry is, and therefore, agree to the following:

1. I will establish the Deacons Ministry as a priority in my life for the term I have been elected to serve. I will, to the best of my ability, attend all monthly board meetings as well as all committee and other meetings, officers' training sessions, officers' retreats and joint officers' meetings. If I will be unavoidably absent, I will notify either the Moderator or the advising Pastor in advance of my absence.
2. I will make attending one of the Sunday worship services a priority in my life. I will, to the best of my ability, attend worship when I am in town.
3. I promise to work with enthusiasm and initiative to do Christ's work in an on going fashion in this congregation. I recognize that I serve Jesus Christ through my service to others. I will support my fellow members and I trust that my fellow members will provide me with the support I need to fulfill my service.
4. I promise to work actively in my committee to fulfill objectives and provide crossover support to other committees. I promise to actively participate in all Deacons projects such as the blood drive, coat & sweater drive, golf outing, fish & chips dinner, turkey drive and cookie walk.
5. I recognize that although I have been elected for a three-year term, my life may change and I may not be able to fulfill the responsibilities of a member of the Board of Deacons. If this happens, I promise to prayerfully consider whether I should continue to serve and if I no longer can fulfill my responsibilities, I will resign from the Board of Deacons.
6. I understand that the Deacons operate under an umbrella of confidentiality, and that whatever occurs at a meeting, whether of a business or a personal nature, stays within the walls of the meeting room. Understand that this does not mean the Deacons operate in secret or in an unknown way to the congregation, just that we respect confidentiality.
7. I realize that I have been elected to serve a three-year term as an active Deacon. However, once ordained, I may be called upon at any time to serve the congregation. I do understand that I am an ordained officer of the Presbyterian Church even after my current term on the Board expires.

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