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Elder Candidate- Floor Nomination Form

Point To Note:

- **November 23, 2025** will be the South Gate Alliance (SGA) Elders Election for electing elders for a 2-year term, **Jan 1, 2026 to Dec 31, 2027**.
- According to the SGA bylaws, this form needs to be submitted to the chairman of the Board of Elders **TWO Sundays** before the Elder Election Day. This year, that is by the end of the day of **November 9, 2025**.
- Only ACTIVE members of SGA can nominate another ACTIVE SGA member as an Elder candidate.
- Elder candidate from the floor needs to be nominated by TWO ACTIVE members
- The nominee should agree and sign this form.

Nominators:

We (1) _____ (Full name) and (2) _____ (Full name) are active members of SGA, and hereby nominate _____ (Full name) as an elder candidate for this coming term.

Signature of Nominator 1: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Nominator 2: _____

Date: _____

Nominee:

I, _____ (Full name), as an active member of SGA, accept the nomination as an Elder candidate.

Signature of nominee: _____

Date: _____

Name of Chairman of the Board: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Considerations in Nominating Someone to Be an Elder:

I. Biblical Considerations for Church Leadership:

- I Timothy 3.1-13
- Titus 1.5-9
- I Peter 5.1-4

II. Elders Job Description from the Alliance Manual:

"They shall serve with the senior pastor in the oversight of the spiritual and administrative functions of the church through internal organization and/or by appointing such officers or committees as are necessary to properly fill vacancies between annual meetings. They shall hold regular meetings for prayer and business and report as the church membership may decide."

III. A Word from Revenue Canada:

As a charitable organization the church is required to have a board with a majority of its members "at arm's length". This means that less than half the board can be related by blood, marriage or adoption.

IV. Other Equally Important Considerations:

- A person should be involved in the local church for at least one full year before being nominated for eldership. It takes at least that long for us to get to know if a person should be considered as an elder. Also, this time allows the new individual to get a sense of the church's people, values and style.
- A person should not be asked to be an elder as a means of getting them more involved in church life. Rather, an elder should be someone who has already shown a willingness to serve in the church in some way, a person who serves without being pressured to serve.
- An elder should show leadership in such areas as faith, love, relational skills, care, stewardship and hospitality according to his ability.
- If an individual is known to be hostile to the pastor/other church leadership and his/their vision for ministry, he/she is not the best candidate. Otherwise it will create broken relationships and the ministry will be hard to go forward. This does not mean elders should be "yes men". It is just that critical thinking needs to mix with a gracious heart to create a united ministry team. Such a person is encouraged to reconcile the relationship with the pastor or the leader, so that they could together build the church.
- An Elder candidate should be in agreement with the Purpose, Mission, Vision, Values, Philosophy of Ministry and Policy of the Church.
- If we must choose between Giftedness and Godliness, let us choose godliness. If we can choose both, that's great and that's the ideal, but let's keep the emphasis where God puts it.

候選長老應具備的條件:

I. 聖經原則:

- 提前3:1-13
- 提多1:5-9
- 彼前5:1-4

II. 宣道會守則:

在年會中選出人選，通過內部組織委任，適當地填補各職位，與主任牧師共同監督教會內屬靈及行政事宜，定期召開會議來禱告仰望、處理庶務、報告事工。

III. 加拿大稅務局說法:

既為慈善團體，教會委員會成員之間必須不受私人關係影響；意味著有親屬關係（因血緣、婚姻或收養之故）之成員要少過半數。

IV. 其他考慮要點:

- 最少參加該堂會一整年以上，好讓會眾了解他/她是否適合，而他/她本人又可以稍稍認識該堂會的價值觀、風格和會眾。
- 不能以「更多參與教會生活」為目的來邀請對方作長老，相反地，是他/她本人樂意參與事奉，而不是出於壓力。
- 長老應該在以下方面展現領導能力：信心、愛心、款待、關懷、管家職分及建立關係的技巧。
- 若與牧者或其他領導異象不合及關係不和，不是長老的最佳人選，這會造成彼此之間關係決裂，事工難以發展，這並不表示長老必須唯命是從，只是慎思明辨需配合恩慈的心才能建立同心事奉的團隊。當鼓勵此人與不和的牧者或領導和好，好能同心建立教會。
- 長老候選人應贊同目前教會的目標、使命、異象、價值、事工哲學及政策。
- 「恩賜」與「敬虔」兩者兼備是最理想，若要選其一，應選「敬虔」，讓我們強調神所看重的。