



WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP TEAM & WOMEN’S DIACONAL TEAM NOMINATION FORM

“And now, friends, we ask you to honor those leaders who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience. Overwhelm them with appreciation and love!”

1Thessalonians 5:12,13 (The Message)

You must be a member in good standing to nominate a candidate for the Women’s Leadership Team (WLT) or Women’s Diaconal Team (WDT) at Faith Christian Fellowship Church.

TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE, PLEASE DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. **VERIFY** with your candidate that she is a member of Faith Christian Fellowship. Nominees should be a Christian for at least three years and a member of FCF for at least one year.
2. **ASK** your candidate if she is willing to serve on the WLT or WDT of the church.
3. IF THE ANSWERS TO #1 & #2 ARE YES, you may submit their names on the form below.
4. THE NOMINATOR MUST **SIGN & DATE THIS FORM** (*nominations must be submitted in writing*).
5. **SUBMIT NOMINATION FORM TO: Faith Christian Fellowship**, Ann Maouyo, Chrissy Walsh, or Rosella Rading, 505 East 42nd Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21218, or email form to FCFOffice@fcchurch.org

DEADLINE: Sunday, October 30, 2022

For Women’s Leadership Team:
(Name, Phone Number, Email Address)

For Women’s Diaconal Team:
(Name, Phone Number, Email Address)

Nominating Member Name, Phone number, Email Address:

Member Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

* I have asked all the above candidates and they have agreed to this nomination.

Qualifications of Church Leaders

The Church is a spiritual community. Scripture calls it the 'body of Christ' (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:24) with Christ as the Head (Eph. 4:15, 5:23; Col. 1:18, 2:19); the gathering of God's people (Eph. 2:19; 1 Pet. 2:10); a spiritual building with Jesus as the cornerstone (Eph. 2:20-22); and the Bride of Christ (Eph. 5:32). Selecting leaders for this community who will seek to faithfully serve Christ and represent His ministry in the church is a significant responsibility; it requires humble prayer and thoughtful consideration of the Bible's teaching on the qualifications of leaders.

The Women's Leadership Team (WLT) assists the Session in the ministry of the church through counsel, teaching, and help in shepherding; membership interviews; discipling women and emerging women leaders; and overseeing women-focused ministries to build up the Body of Christ and advance the church's mission. WLT also supports FCF women in organizing events and activities (such as retreats, women's events, mentoring, small women's fellowship groups, etc.) to provide an environment for spiritual growth and development of spiritual gifts. WLT members meet approximately monthly; their term of service is typically three years (renewable once).

The Women's Diaconal Team (WDT) assists the deacons in supporting those in our body undergoing fiscal and/or emotional difficulties by identifying financial and physical needs. The WDT is specifically responsible for: the Christmas food baskets, the Advent Bazaar, the meals ministry, and the transportation ministry. WDT members are responsible for one or more of the aforementioned ministries, but also assist the deacons with other needs as they arise. WDT team members are appointed by the Session to work with the deacons in areas of mercy and service to those in distress and need. WDT members meet at least twice per year; their term of service is typically three years (renewable once).

The teaching of Scripture on the spiritual qualities of leaders is similar for both teams, and is summarized below. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with these qualities sought in female church leaders. Note that a given leader will not always and absolutely meet these standards; leaders battle sin like the rest of us! However, a candidate's life should be consistently and generally characterized by these standards, and demonstrate an attitude of humble repentance.

A. Godly character

1. *Reverent, self-controlled, pure, upright, godly* (Titus 2:3-5, 12-14): not consumed with worldly passions, showing sexual purity, moderation and maturity with alcohol; thoughtful and balanced judgment; not rash
2. *Sincere and discreet* (1 Thess. 2:5-8; 1 Tim. 3:11): able to keep the confidences of others
3. *Not greedy for money* (1 Tim. 3:8, 31; Titu. 1:7; 1 Pet. 5:2): showing contentment in Christ
4. *Full of the Spirit* (Acts 6:3, 5): humbly dependent on God; grounded in the truth of the gospel

B. Love for others – *hospitable, gentle, patient, not quarrelsome* (1 Tim. 3:2-3; Tit. 1:7-8): eager to share blessings with others; demonstrates Christ-like compassion; forgiving; not quick-tempered; keeping the bond of peace (Phil. 4:2); eager to serve in humility (1 Tim. 3:1, 5:1; 1 Pet. 5:2; Acts 6:2)

C. Good reputation – *Blameless/above reproach* (1 Tim. 3:2; Tit. 1:7): no grounds to accuse of improper behavior; *with good reputation among outsiders* (1 Tim. 3:7)

D. Devotion to the Scriptures. A woman leader should know her Bible well and believe it deeply (1 Tim. 3:9). A WLT member should be able to teach biblical truth and godly wisdom (Tit. 2:3-5, Prov. 31:26); she should pray for the flock in public and in private (Acts 6:4).

E. Manages household well. A person's ability to lead in the Church should be shown in her management at home (1 Timothy 3:4,11). She should be diligent and generous (Prov. 31:15-22). If married, she should show respect to her husband (1 Pet. 3:1-6); he should be supportive of her ministry (Prov. 31:11, 23, 28).

G. Experience in serving (1 Tim. 3:6,10). A candidate must have gifts of leadership and passion for serving – people in our congregation should already recognize spiritual giftedness and demonstrated servant-leadership, and be benefiting from her current ministry within FCF. Candidates must embrace and support the mission, vision, and values of FCF.