

**ELDER STATEMENT:** UPPC Elders are elected by the congregation having demonstrated leadership skills and being persons of deep faith, maturity, wisdom, and compassion, knowing themselves and others as beloved children of God. They are called together, based on their unique giftedness, to share in discerning and responding to the movement of the Holy Spirit, offering servant leadership in strengthening and nurturing the church body's faith and life together.

**TEAM PURPOSE:** On behalf of the UPPC Congregation prayerfully nominate, along with the committee, active members of UPPC for service as elder, deacon, senior pastor, associate pastor, nominating committee member or Trustee. To be part of the work of the Session fulfilling UPPC's core values that includes prayer, study and practice with an abiding faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

**CORE LEADERSHIP:**

- Senior Pastor (nonvoting member of the committee)
- Two Session Elders (one of which acts as the committee moderator)
- One Deacon Representative
- Five At-large Members (maximum 8)

**DOWNLINE TEAMS:**

None

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Hold the committee and its ministry in prayer, acknowledging and relying on God's presence and leading.
- Meet with the committee in a leadership role to find suitable candidates for open positions.
- Meet monthly with Session Elders, as representatives of the congregation.
- Participate in Session as a voting member and represent the committee to Session and Session to the committee.
- Present the list of candidates at the annual Congregational Meeting for voting by members.
- Uphold the Book of Order and UPPC Bylaws.