



Pray for our Annual Elections

Sunday, February 17 & 24

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- 2) At least 15 years old
- 3) See reverse side for guidance as you prayerfully consider

Church Board: (we will elect 2)

The top two voted for individuals will serve a 3 year term on our Church Board.



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District Assembly: (we will elect 5)

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Characteristics for Church Leadership

Flushing Community Church of the Nazarene

Scripture gives us guidance and direction as to what we need to be looking for in God-led and effective leaders in [1 Timothy chapter 3](#). I encourage you to read that chapter as Paul instructs his younger brother in Christ, Timothy, in some of these crucial matters of the Church. With the teaching of scripture in mind, here are some areas to think about when considering your vote:

1. Church Leaders must have a vital and **growing** relationship with Christ. This includes a humble and tender spirit, one that is teachable and self-controlled. A person of prayer and God’s Word. A person that is obvious about their love for God and displays a consistent desire to grow and develop as a follower of Jesus Christ.
2. A church leader must be a person that is **respected** by others. This can be difficult to assess but a person of leadership must be someone that is filled with integrity and positive character.
3. Leaders must **not be recent converts** to the Faith, but a person with a spiritual (and emotional/relational) maturity. The worst thing we could do is put a new believer in the position of leadership before they are ready to handle the pressures of leadership.
4. A church leader should be a person who is in **harmony** with the beliefs, values, vision and mission of the church and someone who continues to faithfully support the leadership and mission of the church.
5. Leaders should be people who set an “**example** for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.” (I Timothy 4:12) This includes faithfulness in their financial support (including tithing), consistent Sunday morning attendance, ministry involvement, etc.
6. Church leaders must be people that have some **leadership** and/or administration gifts. This includes the ability to work with people (getting to know them and recruit them to use their specific gifts and talents) and to lead and motivate them to work in unison with the mission of the church as a whole.
7. A leader must be **positive** and a person that promotes **unity** in the Body of Christ. A leader must develop the healthy habit of communicating the positive attributes of the body publicly while sharing concerns and burdens privately with the Pastor and Board at the appropriate times. We don’t need leaders to be “yes” people all the time, but knowing when to share your concerns is critical!

Please take some time praying for those who have accepted this nomination and seek the Lord’s wisdom with your vote. We believe God’s Will ultimately will be discovered in this process. Also, let’s commit to praying for our elected leaders as they represent and guide our church!

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