DEACONESS

A deaconess is responsible for ministering to the needs of church members and offering support to the pastors and deacons as requested.

Ministry Area/Department	Administration
Position	Deaconess
Accountable To	Pastor
Ministry Target	Church members
Position Is	Elected
Position May Be Filled By	Church member
Minimum Maturity Level	Stable, maturing Christian
Spiritual Gifts	Serving • Exhortation • Mercy-showing
Talents or Abilities Desired	Enjoy working with people
Best Personality Traits	Dependable • Compassionate • Discreet • Good moral character
Passion For	Ministering to the Body of Christ and assisting the pastor with the work of the ministry related to congregational care
Length of Service Commitment	Three Years

ANTICIPATED TIME COMMITMENTS

1. **Doing ministry/preparing for ministry:** two hours a month
2. **Participating in meetings/training:** minimal, as needed

RESPONSIBILITIES/DUTIES

1. Declared in Article 4, Section 3 of the Church Constitution:

   Six, or more, deaconesses shall be elected for a term of three years each; one-third of the board being elected each year. They shall elect a chairman from their number, and shall meet at the call of the pastor or the chairman of this board. Their spiritual qualifications are to be found in such scriptures as: Titus 2:3-5; Philippians 4:3; Romans 16:1-6.

   Their duties shall be to assist the pastor and deacons in the administration of spiritual matters of the church as requested, to assist the pastor and deacons in visitation work, the baptism of women, the counseling of girls, the preparation of the Lord's Supper, and such other spiritual matters as requested and necessary. To assist bereaved families in ways appropriate to the need and occasion. They shall have general supervision of the floral committee, of the ladies' missionary work of the church, and shall be prayer warriors for all the needs.

2. Organize and supervise funeral meals.
3. Organize and supervise meals for families in need.

Signature of Nominee: _____ Date of Signature: _____