

Open Ballot Calling Process for Church Leaders

York First Church of the Brethren

This Sunday we will enter a time for calling people to serve as leaders for our congregation. The positions before us are as follows:

The **Moderator** is the “head” of the congregation, leads Congregational Forums, serves as vice chair of Leadership Team, and is a legal officer of the church. The Moderator may attend all Ministry Team meetings, ex-officio without vote.

The **Church Clerk** is responsible for recording minutes for Leadership Team meetings and Congregational Forum. Attendance at Leadership Team meetings is mandatory, and the position there is ex-officio without vote.

The **CDC Ministry Team Chair** is responsible for overseeing the Mission of the Child Development Center and leading its ministry team. The Ministry Team oversees the Center Director and meets monthly, overseeing compliance, budget, and other planning.

Staff Relations Team meets with pastor and other church staff and ministers, assisting with their evaluation and recruiting new staff.

Gifts Discernment Team oversees the calling process of church members to positions which match their gifts, providing a ballot for the fall Congregational Forum each year.

Conference Delegates represent our church at respective events, Annual Conference a week in early July and District Conference a weekend in September. Pre-conference preparation and post-conference reporting to the church are expected.

Members of our church are urged to prayerfully consider names of people who you believe would serve well in these positions and offer their names on this form. Leaders must be members of the congregation and committed to its ongoing work and ministry.

Following the service today, the Gifts Discernment Team will gather the suggested names and prayerfully discern together those who we will call to these positions, which must then be approved at our Fall Congregational Forum, November 3. Positions are for two-year terms, with up to 3 consecutive terms permitted. Delegates for conferences are one-year terms only.

Thank you for taking part in this important process. Please see the reverse side of this sheet to record names.

Moderator – Currently Ed Martin (eligible)

Church Clerk – Currently Arden Kile (eligible)

CDC Ministry Team Chair – Currently Deb Klinedinst (not eligible)

Not eligible for the above positions:

Greg Klinedinst, Kim Witkovsky, Diane Gible, Ruoxia Li,
Cheryl Weyant, Steve Hoover, Dave Witkovsky,
Arlene Martin, Ralph Miller, Sheryl Leaman, Church staff

Staff Relations Team – Currently Patricia Carey (eligible)

Gifts Discernment Team (4) – Currently Sam Weyant (not eligible)
Cheryl Weyant, Arden Kile (eligible)

Annual Conference Delegate and Alternate – all members eligible

District Conference Delegates (2) and Alternate – all members eligible

Open Ballot Calling Process for Deacons

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This Sunday we will enter a time for calling people to serve as deacons for our congregation. According to our Church's understanding of Deacon Ministry as described in the 1997 Annual Conference statement, "Deacons are called to be dedicated caregivers who use their spiritual gifts in a shared ministry of concern for the total well-being of God's people."

Deacons are caregivers and encouragers, and they are assigned various tasks including ministries of greeting cards, visitation, preparing and assisting with services including Love Feast, Communion, Baptism, and Anointing. Deacons may deliver meals, provide transportation, and check on those who require attention within our body of faith.

Deacons are ministers, spiritually healthy people who have experienced times of both strength and weakness, ones who are mature in faith and aware of God's promises of rebirth.

Members of our church are urged to prayerfully consider names of people who you believe would serve well as Deacons and offer their names on this form. Deacons must be members of the congregation, dedicated to its life and work, and eager to support the pastor and whole community of faith.

Following the service today, the Deacons will gather the suggested names and prayerfully discern together those who we will call to the role of Deacon. Those members will be contacted at a later date and informed of their call, invited to accept as they are so led. Deacons serve three-year terms, with no limit to the number of terms to which the church may call them.

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Members currently serving as deacons and continuing in their respective terms:

Deb & Greg Klinedinst – 2026

Diane & John Gible – 2025

John & Mary Esther Anderson – 2025

Marty Reigle – 2026

Lyn & Ralph Miller – 2026

Melanie & Jeff Miller – 2026

Sarah Markey – 2026

Kim Witkovsky – 2026

We hope to call three new deacons who will begin serving in 2025.

Please offer names of people you believe would serve us well as Deacons:
