

## **Nominations for Deacons – Class of 2025:**

***Community Relation Deacon*** will consider real life needs that may arise within the congregation. Examples of this may be related to employment, emotional wellness, disaster relief, etc. The Community Relations Deacon will be aware, and filled with compassion. The He/she should be connected to MDPC staff members, and various non-profit organizations around the city in order resource and care for the needs in an appropriate and timely manner.

***Contact/Card Ministry Deacon*** works closely with the Caring Ministry Office staff to accomplish and/or delegate the caring contact with an ever-changing list of homebound, recently hospitalized, and individuals who need a little extra touch of care. Cards or phone calls are especially important to for our members who dwell in care facilities, and those who live at home but have trouble leading active lives. Caring contact may be made via phone call, card, email, text messages, etc., as appropriate to the recipient's desires and needs. Teams such as Branches, the Prayer Chain, and the Caring Office Staff engage regularly in this ministry. Such efforts can be refreshed and expanded into every corner of the church family.

***Food Ministry Deacon*** will serve in partnership with the Chef /Food Service Director and Chief Operating Officer in developing and maintaining a growing and convective food ministry to support the other ministries of MDPC; to create a portal that attracts guests from the community; and to develop and nurture an expanding base of volunteers.

***Fuente Ministries Deacon*** will represent the caring needs of the Fuente congregation and the Fuente Food Pantry among the Deacon team. The prayers, resources, and ideas of each congregation can serve to strengthen our bond in the body of Christ, and connect brothers and sisters in Christ to meet the needs of the world God loves.

***Senior Adult Fellowship Deacon*** should have a heart to nurture healthy social interaction between seniors. He/she should represent that needs of seniors to the Deacon Board and the Caring Ministries Office. His/her key groups/events include the Annual 90+ Tea Party, the Venturers, the PrimeTimers, and Encore Fellowship. Beyond events, this Deacon should have an eye to the gifts and/or holistic needs of senior adults.

***Stephen Ministry Deacon*** will work closely with the Director of Caring Ministries, as well as with the Caring Ministries Pastor and with all other MDPC Pastors to coordinate and lead the compassionate Christian ministry of Stephen Ministers. The Stephen Ministry Deacon should be connected to the Stephen Leaders to provide support and continuing education to MDPC's Stephen Ministers. The Stephen Leaders are also responsible for training up new classes and for matching care receivers and care givers for the hope and healing of God's people.

***Visitation Deacon*** will serve closely with the MDPC Home Visitation Ministry. The Visitation Ministry connects and equips church members with the visitation skills necessary to make compassionate and meaningful visits to our shut-ins and members who are home bound. It provides a time when Christ's love can be brought to those who are isolated and alone. This ministry offers 6 hours of training and monthly meetings for reporting and supervision. The Home Visitation Deacon works closely with the Caring Ministries staff and attends the training sessions as well as the regular monthly meetings. The Deacon should make visits on his/her own, giving attention to the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of the visited, including the desire for Home Communion, Mobile Meals, prayer concerns, hospitalizations, streaming the worship services, etc. The Home Visitation Deacon should have an eye to adding wisely to the members of MDPC's Home Visitation Ministry.