The Session at Grace has determined that it is time to refresh our church leadership by calling new Elders. Elders are ordained for life and provide pastoral care for a specific district of congregational members and adherents. Elders are responsible for the spiritual leadership of the congregation, and the stewardship of church assets. When Elders are first elected, they may either serve as a Service Elder on a session committee or serve as a Session Elder. Session Elders serve a six-year term on session and assume the role of liaison to a session committee.

This is how members of Grace can participate in the process of choosing new Ruling Elders (this process follows the guidelines set out in the Presbyterian Church of Canada’s *Book of Forms*):

* Pray for potential new Elders.
* Exercise discernment about nominating a member of Grace to this office.
* Find another member to submit a nomination of a potential new Elder. New Elders must be nominated by two members of the congregation.

How do you do this?

* Download this form, fill it out, and email it to Ad Hoc Committee Convener Mary Lil Rozsa de Coquet, care of office@gracecalgary.org.
* Nominations will be accepted from Sunday, November 21, 2021 until Sunday, January 2, 2022

Once the nomination period has ended, our Teaching Elders (Ministers) will interview the nominees to discuss how they feel God is calling them to this office, and what their discernment has been.

Those who do feel called, will allow their name to be reviewed by the current Ruling Elders Session, and then have their nomination stand before the congregation to be voted on by members at a congregational meeting in April 2022.

Subsequent to their election, there will be a service of ordination.

If you have any questions about this process, you may speak with one of our Ministers or your Elder.

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of First Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Second Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_