

## **ARTICLE 11. DEACONS**

### **Section 1. Qualifications**

1. A candidate must
  - a. be a member of the LVCCC;
  - b. have been baptized for at least three years;
  - c. have served the LVCCC ministry at least one year.
2. The faith and life of a candidate must fit the Biblical teaching as stated in 1 Timothy 3: 8-13.
3. A candidate must be willing to serve on the Board of Elders and Deacons.

### **Section 2. Election**

1. The number of newly elected Deacons shall not exceed the number of Deacons remaining on the Board of Elders and Deacons.
2. The Board of Elders and Deacons shall solicit nominations for Deacons at least three months before a regular session of the General Assembly.
3. Candidates for Deacons shall be approved by the Board of Elders and Deacons, and shall be announced to the General Assembly at least four weeks before the election.
4. New Deacons shall be elected by simple majority of the General Assembly from the candidates approved by the Board of Elders and Deacons.
5. The term of a Deacon shall be two years.
6. A Deacon shall be eligible for re-election.

### **Section 3. Responsibilities**

1. The responsibilities of Deacons shall include but are not limited to:
  - a. assisting the Clergymen and Elders in promoting the spiritual growth of the LVCCC;