

## CHURCH ELECTIONS

### FUNCTIONS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

- To select church members to fulfill the various functions and ministries of the church.

Pay careful attention to:

- The specific needs of the church.
- And the spiritual gifts of its members.
- Choose the best person for the task.

### BEFORE THE ELECTIONS:

- The annual planning should be finished.
- Plans for the upcoming year finalized and voted by the church.
- The list of leaders needed and a job description for each should be given to the nominating committee as the list from which it operates.

### THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

- Should be appointed early in the closing quarter of the church year.
- New church leaders elected at least three weeks before the final Sabbath of the church year.
- The church year need not begin at the beginning of the calendar year.
- The size is determined by the local church.
- Nominates only individuals who are faithful members of the local church.
- There are no ex-officio members of the nominating committee.

### BEGINNING PROCESS:

Begin with the choosing of a committee to nominate the nominating committee:

- This can be done by the church at large.
- Or the church can vote to add members to the church board.
- The number of members is determined by the local church.

### THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

- Mature people who are capable of showing good judgment in the election of the church's officers.
- Chairperson and secretary.
- Committee must be approved by vote of the congregation.



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## REPORT:

- ❖ Presented by its chairperson and secretary.
- ❖ On Sabbath morning or at a special called business meeting.
- ❖ To the church members.
- ❖ Names should be placed in member's hands or read aloud.
- ❖ At least one week is given for any objections.
- ❖ Objections should be directed to the nominating committee.
- ❖ Avoid public discussions of names.
- ❖ The nominating committee is usually dissolved, although larger churches may wish to continue a nominating committee to fill occurring vacancies throughout the year.