



Nomination for Elder or Deacon 2023-2024 ELC Board:

Please use this form to nominate persons in good standing with the English Language Congregation of the National Evangelical Church of Bahrain. Elders and Deacons will serve for a 2-year term – once renewable. Please submit one completed form for each person nominated. You may nominate up to 4 ELC members (any combination of elders and deacons equaling 4)

Office of Elder (**I Peter 5:1-3, I Timothy 3:1-6, Titus 1:6-9**)

The office of the elder is one of servanthood and service representing Christ through the action of the Holy Spirit. In the local church, elders are chosen members of spiritual discernment, exemplary life, charitable spirit, and wisdom grounded in God's Word.

Elders, together with the installed minister/s serving under a call, are to have supervision of the church entrusted to them. They are set apart for a ministry of watchful and responsible care for all matters relating to the welfare and good order of the church. They are to study God's Word, to oversee the household of faith, to encourage spiritual growth, to maintain loving discipline, and to provide for the proclamation of the gospel and the celebration of the sacraments. They have oversight over the conduct of the members of the congregation and seek to bring that conduct into conformity with the Word of God, thereby empowering all members to live out their Christian vocation in the world. Elders exercise an oversight over the conduct of one another, and of the deacons, and of the minister/s. They make certain that what is preached and taught by the minister/s is in accord with the Holy Scripture. They assist the minister/s with their good counsel and in the task of care. They seek to guard the sacraments of the church from being profaned. An elder may administer the sacraments, if authorized by the board of elders.

I nominate _____ for consideration to serve the ELC as an elder.

Reason(s) for nomination:

Signed _____

Office of Deacon (I Timothy 3:8-13, Acts 6:1-7)

The office of the deacon is one of servanthood and service representing Christ through the action of the Holy Spirit. In the local church, deacons are chosen members of spiritual commitment, exemplary life, compassionate spirit, and sound judgment, who are set apart for a ministry of mercy, service, and outreach. They are to receive the contributions of the congregation and to distribute them under the direction of the ELC Board. The deacons give particular attention and care to the whole benevolence program of the church. They have charge of all gifts contributed for the benefit of the poor and distribute them with discretion. They visit and comfort those in material need and perform such other duties as the ELC Board may assign them.

I nominate _____ for consideration to serve the ELC as a deacon.

Reason(s) for nomination:

Signed _____

Last date to receive nominations is Saturday, April 15th 2023.