



Church Council Application Process

Overview of Church Council of Charter Oak Church

The primary function of the Church Council is to spiritually discern the vision, mission, and values of Charter Oak Church as directed by God through the Lead Pastor. The primary areas under the oversight of Church Council are human resources, property and legal, and finances. Church Council holds the Lead Pastor accountable for the spiritual leadership and ministry of Charter Oak Church and staff. The Church Council is comprised of ten men and women, including the Lead Pastor. Council positions are a four year term. Church Council meets once a month, usually on the fourth Thursday at 7:00pm. The meetings are open to anyone to attend.

In order to be on Church Council you must be a member of Charter Oak Church.

Application Process

There are two parts to the application process:

Church Council Application

In order to be considered please complete the attached application, sign below, and return to **Kristi Fellers**, Executive Assistant to the Lead Pastor, in the church office or through email (kfellers@charteroak.church).

Member Recommendation

This recommendation is to be completed by a church member nominating another church member from Charter Oak Church for the position of Church Council member. The recommendation is to be completed without consultation of the person being recommended and should not be a member of your family.

Thank you for taking time to complete the application. This is an important position for our church, one that is not to be taken lightly. As such, we ask that you prayerfully complete this form and evaluate each question honestly. Please take time to read Titus 1:5-9, and 1 Peter 5:1-7, which describe the qualifications for elders.

If you certify that you have answered all questions honestly before the Lord and desire to be considered for the position of Church Council member at Charter Oak Church, please sign below.

Candidate's Signature _____ Date _____

**Charter Oak Church
Church Council Application**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Approximate Age Baptized _____

Employer _____ Work Phone _____

Position _____ Work email _____

What are your spiritual gifts? _____

Family Information

Marital Status (circle one) Single Married Widowed Divorced Marriage Date _____

Spouse's Name _____

Children's names _____ Ages _____

Church Leadership Experience

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In which of your church service roles did you serve in a leadership capacity? _____

Please discuss your serving experience both in this church and previous churches. _____

Which was your most challenging role and why? _____

What did you learn? _____

Please discuss the past and present community leadership roles you have had. _____

Doctrinal Questions

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What is your understanding of the following?

God the Father _____

Jesus Christ _____

The Holy Spirit _____

Satan _____

Explain what you believe the Bible teaches about the following:

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Salvation _____

Sin _____

The Scriptures _____

The Church _____

Giving _____

Roles and Responsibilities

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What is your view of the role of Church Council? _____

What is your view of the role of the Lead Pastor? _____

What is your view of your role in your family? _____

Church Council Member Qualifications

Please read 1 Timothy 3:1-11, Titus 1:5-9, 1 Peter 5:1-7 and answer the following questions regarding your qualifications for Church Council.

Why do you desire to be a member of Church Council? _____

What would you like to accomplish while a member of Church Council? _____

Are there any qualifications in these passages that you do not understand? _____

If so, which ones? _____

What, if any, qualifications listed in these passages that you feel you may not meet and why? _____

Please describe anything in your life that causes you concern in being a member of Church Council? _____

Describe your current walk with the Lord, what He is teaching you in your life today, and the evidence you see of His work throughout your life. _____

Please give a brief statement of your salvation experience. _____

Have you read the Charter Oak Church vision and mission and do you fully support those statements? _____

Recommendation to Church Council

Name of Church Council Nominee _____

Your Name _____ relationship _____

Qualifications

Is the nominee saved or not a recent convert?

Yes No Don't Know

Do you believe the nominee would uphold the COC vision and mission in its entirety?

Yes No Don't Know

Do you consider the nominee to be spiritually mature, able to make wise, biblically sound decisions?

Yes No Don't Know

Is the nominee above reproach, affording nothing in moral conduct that can be attacked?

Yes No Don't Know

Does the nominee manage his/her family well, assuming responsibility as a spiritual leader?

Yes No Don't Know

Do you know the nominee to be sincere, reasonable, self-controlled, and disciplined?

Yes No Don't Know

In dealing with others, is the nominee respectful, not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not quarrelsome, not violent, maintaining a good reputation inside and outside the church?

Yes No Don't Know

Is the nominee hospitable and a lover of what is good according to Scripture?

Yes No Don't Know

Is the nominee generous with his/her money, not focused on the acquisition of wealth, and does the nominee obtain all of his/her money in an honest and straightforward manner?

Yes No Don't Know

Is the nominee known for sound scriptural doctrine, able to encourage those who don't understand, and to refute those who oppose it?

Yes No Don't Know

Do you believe this is a person who holds firmly to biblical truth with a clear conscience, no matter the cost to them personally?

Yes No Don't Know

Can you recommend that this person be considered for a position on Church Council without any reservations?

Yes No

Do you believe the nominee has been sufficiently tested in his/her Christian walk and have demonstrated that he/she is fully qualified to serve as a member of Church Council according to Scripture?

Yes No

Signature _____ Date _____

Phone number _____ Email _____