

ELDERSHIP ELECTIONS 2018

On Sunday 8 April we will be seeking to elect four people to the ministry of Eldership at Coro. Elders will serve on the Church Council which will comprise 8 elected Elders and Simon our Minister. The role of Elder is one of “spiritual oversight”. This involves discerning what needs affirming, changing or releasing so that Coro can be an effective missional community filled with hopeful, confident followers of Jesus. The church Elders have a key role in working with the Spirit towards this goal.

Please pray and consider who might be called to this ministry. It may not be the usual suspects. There might be someone of God’s choosing that we may not have considered before. Look around the church, pray through the directory, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the one who is called. It may be quite obvious to some but not to the person themselves.

You should then approach the person to be nominated before putting their name forward for nomination. Please also consider prayerfully your acceptance of a nomination if asked.

TO HELP US CHOOSE OUR ELDERS

There are questions we should ask in deciding who should be Elders.

1. Is the person faithful in Jesus Christ and living a spiritually mature lifestyle? (see 1 Peter 5:1-7; 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9)
2. Is there evidence of the Spirit’s presence in this person’s life, giving them the gifts of wisdom and discernment required for oversight of the congregation?
3. Does the person have the skills and abilities that would allow them to:
 - Oversee the overall direction of the church?
 - Ensure the church stays faithful to God’s Word?
 - Work effectively, efficiently, and humbly with others with the wisdom that comes from a confidence in Jesus?



NOMINATING THE PERSON OF GOD'S CHOICE

It is vitally important that together we discern the person God has called to take up this role. Nominating and voting for Elders is not a general appeal for volunteers, nor can it be likened to a popularity poll. We are being asked to engage in a spiritual exercise that prayerfully allows God to show us who He has already gifted and chosen for this role among us.

The first step in the selection of an Elder is for names to be put forward on nominating slips, with one person nominating, and another person seconding that nomination. After Sunday 18 March, each nominee will meet with Simon and another Elder, after which they will either confirm or withdraw their nomination. The names of those remaining will be put forward for election. The election will determine who will become an Elder and therefore join the Church Council.

SUMMARY OF THE PROCESS

From Sunday 18 February

Eldership Information and Nomination Forms available. Please speak with those you wish to nominate before nominating them.

Sunday 18 March

Nominations close

During the following week

Meeting for nominees

Sunday 25 March

Names of nominees published

Sunday 8 April

Congregational Meeting to elect Elders after the morning service