

## **Deacon / Deaconess Qualifications and Description**

The deacon/deaconess will be a child of God who is considered to be *full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom* (Acts 6:3) by the congregation. Each will also be worthy of respect, sincere, temperate, not a recent convert, trustworthy (1 Timothy 3:8-13).

### ***The Deacon/Deaconess will:***

Use available opportunities at home and church to grow in faith and knowledge in Christ through a continual study of God's Word.

Serve St. James congregation in an appointed position, that will be recommended by the Council to the Voters' Assembly for approval. Term: two years.

Be a member of St. James in good standing.

Attend any approved training or educational opportunities that are available.

Have good communication skills.

Will make personal, phone or letter contacts with the straying, along with Pastor, as well as follow-up visits when requested to do so.

Serve as a third party in conflict mediation, along with Pastor, when asked to do so.

Will keep confidential any personal information shared in such work.

Finally, the purpose of our efforts is to better serve the Lord Jesus by ministering to those who need help and care in the congregation. To God alone be the glory.