

ELDER FEEDBACK FORM FOR THE KIRKLAND CHURCH OF CHRIST

1. **One of these forms is to be filled out by each member of the congregation who chooses to participate.** Please place in the box on the back table, or hand to one of our elders or evangelist. You may send by email if you prefer. Please note the following:

a. **Each qualification** is listed for your review on the back of this form so you can evaluate scripturally. each person on a scriptural basis. The information in brackets is the definition of the original word used in the text or comments from scholars. The lessons on the qualifications of elders are posted on our church website, if you missed any of them, and interactive outlines are available for each of the lessons on the back table. Please review the summary list I have provided for you on the back of this form.

b. **All the qualifications are necessary.** For someone to be a true Holy Spirit appointed elder/shepherd/overseer, he must possess *each qualification*. Either completely (e.g. “the husband of one wife”) or to a *significant or mature degree* (such as in “given to hospitality”).

2. **The timeline will be as follows:** You will have until **Sunday, November 5th**, to turn your forms in. The two nominees will be advised as to the level of support. Nominee’s names with sufficient support will be placed before congregation on **November 19th**. A period of three weeks will follow for members of the congregation to express any objections or to talk with the nominees from **November 19th – December 10th**. Lord willing, Kirkland will install our new elder(s) on Sunday morning, December **17th**.

3. **Please, each form must be signed** below. However, this information will be kept in confidence.

Please check the option that best expresses your sentiments.

Should these two couples have their names put forth to be considered further?

Mark and Alison Miller I have confidence I do not have confidence Unsure.

Optional: Any comments:

Les and Pat Porter I have confidence I do not have confidence Unsure.

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Signed: (please print) _____ **Date:** _____

QUALIFICATIONS TO BE AN ELDER/SHEPHERD/OVERSEER OF THE LORD'S CHURCH:

God expects members of a local congregation to esteem and honor our elders and to submit to them under Christ as the chief Shepherd, and trust them to give an account for the souls of each member of the church family.

Please give prayerful study of I Tim 3:8-13 and Titus 1: 5-9 as you provide your input.

- ___ 1. **Must be BLAMELESS** (not open to accusation, no charge of guilt can be proved against him).
- ___ 2. **HUSBAND OF ONE WIFE** (Lit. "A one-woman man").
- ___ 3. **TEMPERATE** – (has self-control, mastery over oneself). **NOT ADICTED TO WINE** (not given to wine).
- ___ 4. **SOBER-MINDED** and **ORDERLY**– (Exercises good judgment, not rash or flippant, of good behavior).
- ___ 5. **GIVEN TO HOSPITALITY** – (a lover of guests).
- ___ 6. **APT TO TEACH** – (Skilled in the word, able to convince and convict the gainsayer).
- ___ 7. **NO STRIKER** (not ready with a blow or quarrelsome), **GENTLE** (patient). **NOT CONTENTIOUS**
- ___ 8. **NO LOVER OF MONEY** (not covetous, not greedy, or prone to unjust gain).
- ___ 9. **RULETH WELL HIS OWN HOUSE** (having faithful, believing children who are in subjection, not accused of riot or unruly).
- ___ 10. **NOT A NOVICE** (not newly planted in the faith, not a new convert).
- ___ 11. **GOOD TESTIMONY FROM WITHOUT** (good reputation among those that are not Christians).
- ___ 12. **NOT SELF-WILLED** (stubborn, headstrong, self-pleasing, or arrogant).
- ___ 13. **NOT SOON ANGRY** (not irritable, prone to anger, not a hothead).
- ___ 14. **A LOVER OF GOOD. JUST** (fair).
- ___ 15. **HOLY** (undefiled by sin, pure, religious, his life is set apart for God's service).
- ___ 16. **HOLDING TO THE FAITHFUL WORD AND A GOOD EXAMPLE TO THE FLOCK** (able to take the oversight).
- ___ 17. **VIGILANT** (watchful, alert, carefulness to duty).
- ___ 18. **THIS MAN'S WIFE is dignified** (honorable), **not a slanderer** (speaks evil of others), **sober** (able to control herself, not rash or flippant), **faithful in all things** (trustworthy).