

Your Church Letterhead

Date _____

Dear _____

It is with great pleasure and much prayerful consideration that I inform you that the Council of _____ CRC has approved your name as a potential nominee to serve on Council, beginning _____.

In previous years, at this point, we would have had an existing member of Council speak with you to have you begin the process of discerning God's will for this nomination. This year Council has decided to do things a little different – and request your attendance at a one-hour information session on date right after church. (in _____ room)

At this session, we will review the biblical teachings of the importance of serving our God and his church in the capacity of a Deacon or Elder. We will have existing Pastoral Care Elders, Executive Elders and Deacons share their experiences over the years of being on Council. We will also discuss how Council works today, and how we have aligned it in such a way as to make best use of each person's giftedness.

At this session you will also receive a Council information package. When you head home from that session, Council then request you and your spouse (if married) to pray for God's direction – consider the information shared at the session and the information in the package you will have received. From there, a member of Council will arrange to meet with you and your spouse (if married) to discuss the opportunity further and to answer any additional questions you may have.

I appreciate that serving on Council may be an unknown or an intimidating prospect when you consider your existing time commitments with work and family. Please do not decide too early – let our Heavenly Father speak to you, through the process. Give him time and trust in him, that if he needs you to lead at _____ CRC, then he will equip you and your family in a way that you cannot imagine.

I look forward to seeing you at the **information session**, on date. In the meantime, if you have any questions please feel free to connect with me at email or by phone at _____

In His Service,

Name _____

Chair, Council of _____ CRC