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Greetings to each of you in the name of Jesus Christ.

Many of you will agree that September seems to be the start of so many things, starting afresh, starting anew, or just getting things going again after the summer hiatus. This is also true for the congregation's activities and the various groups and ministries.

This past Tuesday, September 19, the Kirk Session has set the process to Call up to twelve (12) additional Ruling Elders to serve the current needs of the congregation. This will follow a two-step process which is outlined below: Nomination followed by Election.

The first step will be to NOMINATE a person who is not currently serving as a Ruling Elder. This person MUST be a Communicant Member of St. John's. A person who has stepped down from previous service may be nominated and re-elected. ONLY current Communicant Members may Nominate and Elect.

The Nomination:

A member may nominate UP TO 12 candidates. (Each will require a separate ballot) Each nomination will be written on a ballot. Only ONE person's name on a ballot that will;

- be provided
- then be folded in half
- then be put in a sealed envelope (provided)
- and then be put in a larger envelope (provided) with the Nominator's Name

on the outside of that envelope

* A slate type nomination will not be accepted.

* Ideally you should ask the person you would like to nominate if they will let their name stand.

* Names must be clearly legible. (please print)

The Envelopes will be opened and separated on a day to be determined, and the nominations counted until there are UP TO 12 nominations.

The candidates will each be contacted by a serving elder to confirm their willingness to serve if elected.

The Election:

The Election will take place after worship on October 15.

The Session has decided the Election will be by blind ballot – not a show of hands.

Nomination Ballots will be available to be received September 21, October 1, and October 8.

The Ballots will be opened and confirmed the week of October 8.

The Election will be October 15.
Ordination and/or Installation October 23 or 30 (to be confirmed).

*NOTE: - There will not be an absentee or proxy ballot.
- The election will take place after worship on October 15, and the Communicant members MUST BE physically present. One person may NOT vote on behalf of another.

The Planned Process

Nominations	- September 24, October 1, October 8
Election	- October 15
Ordination/Installation	- October 23



You are Invited
To the Celebration of Holy Communion
October 1, 2017
World Communion Sunday

If you are unable to attend worship, the Communion may be brought to you or your loved one(s) at home, hospital or in their place of care by arrangement.

Blessings and Shalom!

Ian

PS: Many of you completed the Bible Study Survey and the first, four-part series, will begin Wednesday, October 11 at 7 PM. The first choice to begin with will be
Do All Religions Lead to the Same God?