

2020 Affirmation / Reaffirmation Process Responsibilities

Sunday, Jan. 5	Process Announcement	<input type="checkbox"/> Affirmation & Reaffirmation Process information in the Happenings <input type="checkbox"/> Verbal announcement about the process <input type="checkbox"/> Detailed Information on website
Sunday, Jan. 12	Shepherds in Adult Classes	<input type="checkbox"/> Affirmation & Reaffirmation Process information in the Happening <input type="checkbox"/> Verbal announcement about the process <input type="checkbox"/> Shepherds visit each of the adult Bible classes providing information on becoming a shepherd, answering questions and encouraging men to accept their nomination.
Sunday, Jan. 19 – Sunday, Feb. 2	Nomination Phase begins	<input type="checkbox"/> Make verbal announcement in worship assemblies <input type="checkbox"/> Publish nomination process overview in the announcement sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Publish overview and nomination forms on web site <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage nominations through Realm <input type="checkbox"/> Print off nomination forms <input type="checkbox"/> Have boxes ready
Sunday, Feb. 2	Nomination Phase ends 6 pm. Committee counts nominations 6 pm.	<input type="checkbox"/> Overview available <input type="checkbox"/> Nomination forms available <input type="checkbox"/> Make verbal announcement in worship assemblies. “This is last day...participate” <input type="checkbox"/> Committee meets at 6 pm in Library to count nomination forms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ List of all men in Excel spreadsheet ○ Informed of confidentiality ○ Introspection sheets emailed to committee members or Lowell can send <input type="checkbox"/> Nominees are divided up among the committee members to be contacted <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Nominees are informed by Monday, Feb. 3:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Received the necessary number of nominations ○ <i>Nominees and wives will have special meeting with current shepherds and their wives, Wednesday, Feb. 5. to discuss what it is like to be a shepherd at Downtown.</i> ○ <i>If accepting the nomination, they must have their introspection sheets and a photograph turned in to the office by Thursday, Feb. 13.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Current shepherds seeking to reaffirmed will need to provide an introspection sheet and photograph by Thursday, Feb. 13</i>
Monday, Feb. 3	Introspection Phase begins	<input type="checkbox"/> Nominees pray and consider accepting their nomination to be a shepherd. <input type="checkbox"/> Congregation is encouraged to pray and fast for the men nominated and those seeking reaffirmation.
Wednesday, Feb. 5	Current Shepherds and Nominees Meet	<input type="checkbox"/> Special orientation meeting between nominees and current Shepherds (wives included)

Monday, Feb. 10	Introspection Phase Ends	<input type="checkbox"/> Those accepting the nomination must have their introspection sheets and photograph turned in by Thursday, Feb. 13. <input type="checkbox"/> Current Shepherds wishing to be reaffirmed by the congregation must have their introspection sheets and photograph turned in by Thursday, Feb. 13. Introspection sheets/photographs will be copied and provided in the office and library for review.
Sunday, Feb. 16	Announcement of Shepherd Candidates. Objection Phase Begins.	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidates will be announced in worship assemblies. Slides of each candidate photo will be shown. <input type="checkbox"/> Those accepting their nomination and current shepherds seeking reaffirmation will be announced in worship assemblies <input type="checkbox"/> Introspection sheets made available to DT members. <input type="checkbox"/> Objection sheet available through committee member.
Sunday, Feb. 23	Objection Phase Ends	<input type="checkbox"/> Any objections must be turned in to a committee member by 6 pm
Sunday, March 1	Confirmation Phase Begins	<input type="checkbox"/> Those being affirmed and reaffirmed will be announced verbally in worship assemblies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Give an overview of confirmation phase <input type="checkbox"/> Insert in announcement sheet candidates with family pictures <input type="checkbox"/> Overview of confirmation phase in announcement sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Candidates with family pictures on announcement slides <input type="checkbox"/> Place those being affirmed/reaffirmed family pictures online <input type="checkbox"/> Affirmation/reaffirmation forms available <input type="checkbox"/> Boxes available <input type="checkbox"/> Order additional shepherds' staffs
Sunday, March 8	Confirmation Phase Ends 6 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Those being affirmed and reaffirmed will be announced verbally in worship assemblies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Give an overview of confirmation phase <input type="checkbox"/> Make verbal announcement in worship assemblies. "This is last day to confirm" <input type="checkbox"/> Candidates with family pictures on announcement slides <input type="checkbox"/> Overview of confirmation phase in announcement sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Place those being affirmed/reaffirmed family pictures online <input type="checkbox"/> Affirmation/reaffirmation forms available <input type="checkbox"/> Boxes available
Sunday, March 15	Beginning of Harding Spring Break	<input type="checkbox"/> Process pauses for Harding Spring Break
Sunday, March 22	Announce Shepherds	<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation of those who were affirmed and reaffirmed by the congregation in worship assemblies <input type="checkbox"/> Picture on slides <input type="checkbox"/> Those affirmed and reaffirmed are confirmed before congregation in a special service <input type="checkbox"/> Shepherd staffs are presented <input type="checkbox"/> Fellowship during Bible class hour

