



Rev. Dr. Keith W. Byrd Sr., Pastor

Call for Nominations for Officers – The calendar Year 2026

The Nominating Committee announces the opening of the nomination period for Zion Baptist Church 2025 elections. The Nominating Committee is soliciting and accepting nominations from the Church membership. The nomination period extends from **September 28, 2025, to November 3, 2025.**

Call for nominations for Church-wide Offices:

The Offices open for election:

Church Clerk, Assistant Church Clerk, Church Secretary, Assistant Church Secretary, Church Treasurer, Assistant Church Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and 5 (five) Lay Member positions are open for election.

Terms of Service: 1 (one) year term for Church Secretary, Assistant Church Secretary, Church Treasurer, Assistant Church Treasurer, Church Clerk, Assistant Church Clerk, and Church Parliamentarian; 2 (two) year term for Lay Members.

All positions are open for consideration, even if the incumbent is seeking re-election. ***A completed Bio must be submitted for consideration.***

Note: At Zion, we are committed to giving God our best. Each candidate for office will be asked to pledge, that if he or she is elected as an officer of Zion Baptist Church, they commit to the Zion Baptist Church Standards of Christian Leadership.

The nomination period will begin on **September 28, 2025**, and close on **November 3, 2025**. If you are interested in any of the positions and/or want to nominate a member, please submit a completed nomination form and/or send recommendations to Deacon Gloria Rogers, Nominating Chair, gloriatms@verizon.net or to any member of the Nominating Committee.

You may also drop off completed nomination forms in a sealed envelope addressed to the Nominating Committee at the Church Office (or after hours through the mail slot outside of the Church Office). The nomination forms and Zion Baptist Church position descriptions are available on the website (www.ziondc.org) in the narthex of the main sanctuary of the church, in the main office of the church, or can be acquired from any member of the Nomination Committee. Each candidate for office will be asked to pledge, as an elected officer of Zion Baptist Church, to commit to the Zion Baptist Church and the Standards of Christian Leadership.

Nominating Committee Members: Deacon Gloria Rogers, Chairperson, Deacon Stephanie Nash, Deacon Damon Bailey, Sister Ruth Chalk Young, Deacon Marlena Perrin, Deacon Frank Joe, and Trustee Christine Williams.

Absentee Ballot Schedule

In accordance with the Zion Baptist Church Constitution and By-Laws revised November 1, 2006, absentee ballots, voting by mail, will be available to any "Active" member who is unable to attend the Annual Meeting in person or virtually.

Article 8, Section 4 of Zion's Constitution and Bylaws defines an "Active Member" as follows:

An Active Member is a baptized believer who has received and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, has been accepted into the Church with the right hand of fellowship, and has communicated with and contributed financially to the Church within a one-year period. All Active members are entitled to all services and privileges, including voting rights, regardless of age.

Be advised that absentee ballot voting will not be counted toward the quorum (50) required for the Annual Church Meeting. Additionally, an Absentee Ballot will not contain the name(s) of anyone who may be nominated from the floor on the day of the actual meeting.

Listed below is the General Absentee Ballot schedule for 2025.

- I. Nomination announcement for Church Officers will be posted in the church email blast and. The nomination period extends from **September 28, 2025, to November 3, 2025.** We encourage you to prayerfully participate in the nominating process for church officers. We need your input to achieve God's vision for our church.
2. Active members can submit requests for absentee ballots, in writing, beginning now. An "Active Member" must send their request for an Absentee Ballot to the **Attention of Sister Marlene E. Tolson, Office of the Church Clerk, Zion Baptist Church, 4850 Blagden Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20011**
3. The Last day to make a request for an Absentee Ballot, in writing, shall be **November 10, 2025.**
4. The Nominating Committee shall send out all requested absentee ballots during the week of **November 17, 2025.**
5. Absentee Ballots must be postmarked on or before **November 29, 2025.**

May God continue to bless you!

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