

The New Hope Family Council is looking for four new council members

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Dear New Hope Family Members,

The New Hope Family Council is looking for four new council members. To provide continuity, alternately three or four council members (out of seven) are elected every year for two-year terms. This year, four seats on the Council are open for election.

Here is the election timeline:

The nomination period for a council seat started Sunday, December 2, 2018; it will end on Thursday, January 3, 2019.

All candidates will introduce themselves to the congregation on Sunday, January 6, 2019, when the election will start and then conclude by Wednesday, January 16.

The newly elected council members will be introduced on Sunday, January 20.

As council members, our goal is to provide good governance built on transparency, accountability, equivalence, and consent for our congregation. "The New Hope Family Council's mission is to set priorities and realize organizational well-being of the congregation through budgeting and community feedback to expand a Heavenly community." (Mission statement adopted on January 29, 2018).

Being a council member is a great opportunity to help decide and support important issues. For example, at the end of 2017, the Council, in cooperation with the pastor, engaged the Enlightened Christian Gathering (ECG), set up the sublease and helped provide ECG with a good experience at our New Hope Family worship location. In 2019, we are facing important decisions, including finding a new location for worship, meetings, and activities after our current lease at Melford with St. John's Properties expires by the end of September 2019. At the same time, the council, together with the pastor, is concerned about the well-being of all members and ministries--the Sunday school, the Youth Ministry, the Young Adult Ministry, the Lay Ministry, the Tribal Messiahship team, the building maintenance team, and others.

The council would like to see especially Second-Generation members to be nominated for a council seat (or to nominate themselves). Nominees can decide to become candidates until January 3, 2019. Each candidate needs to write a biographical paragraph and another paragraph about the reason(s) to serve on the New Hope Family Council. This information will be shared with the congregation. Mary Johnson is chairing the council election committee, and all nominations (and questions) need to go to Mary Johnson at nhfccouncil@gmail.com . Thank you!

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