

NOMINATION SUBMISSION EXAMPLE

DUE: MAY 31, 2026

FMZBC Leadership Candidate Nominee for Deaconess

TO: Deaconess Ministry

Nominee Name: Eden Garden

Submitted by: Jane Doe

Zone: B

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Nominee must demonstrate qualities found in Proverbs 31:26, 31; I Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:6; I Timothy 3:7; Colossians 3:23; Romans 12:10; Ephesians 4:3, 32; I Corinthians 7:8
- Nominee must have been a member of First Mount Zion Baptist Church for at least 5 years.

Please note, a candidate is not expected to have lived a “perfect life” (Romans 3:23) to be considered. A viable candidate continues to strive for “biblical excellence,” to reflect God’s character and purpose in all aspects of life, aiming for the highest quality and integrity and using one’s gifts and abilities to glorify God.

I nominate Eden Garden for consideration as a Deaconess Candidate.



Include a photo/headshot large enough to be seen clearly

Please include the information requested in the following paragraphs.

1st Paragraph: Personal information (e.g., family, character, personality, reputation, spiritual maturity, work ethic, and teamwork).

Eden is spiritually mature and has a commitment to service, she embodies the essential qualities of a Deaconess. As a married mother of two college-aged children, she brings a seasoned perspective on family life and a nurturing spirit to the congregation. Her professional reputation as a responsible and detail-oriented individual is reflected in her active involvement in the FMZBC Greeter's Ministry and her deep roots in community service. Most notably, her role as a board member for Mary's House, a local shelter for battered women, demonstrates her leadership and her heart for protecting the vulnerable. I believe she is a woman of God, carrying herself with integrity and always willing to work for God.

2nd Paragraph: Attendance at Worship Services, Sunday School, Bible Study, Church meetings, etc. Describe what the nominee does in the Church (i.e., ministry involvement and other activities for the good of the Church and community).

Eden would be a tremendous asset to the church's leadership team, bringing a commitment to service and a heart for our community. A consistent presence at Sunday Worship Service, Eden's history of involvement includes years of dedicated ministry, including her experience as a Children's Church Assistant. Currently, she is in the Women's Ministry and serves as a reliable cornerstone of the Greeter's Ministry, welcoming the congregation during Sunday worship and special church events. Her faith extends beyond the sanctuary through her involvement in Bible Study at Mary's House, demonstrating her dedication to outreach and her ability to lead with compassion. Eden's blend of experience and spiritual maturity makes her an ideal candidate to help guide our church's future.

3rd Paragraph: Any additional experience in areas such as education, training, administration, finance, contracts, auditing, human resources and personnel

management, project management, facilities management, information technology, and/or legal expertise that may benefit the Deaconess Ministry and the Church.

Eden is an example of Romans 12:10: "Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor." As a leader, she consistently seeks ways to honor others through her kindness and patience, whether she is welcoming long-time members or visitors as a dedicated greeter. Eden is a contracting professional whose business acumen and attention to detail have consistently placed her at the top of her peer group and serves her well as a top contracting officer for her employer Inova Health Systems. She also serves as a member of the executive board at Mary's House women's shelter.

4th Paragraph: Summarize why you believe the candidate should be considered for the Deaconess Ministry.

Eden is a spiritually mature leader whose commitment to service reflects the heart of a Deaconess, bringing a seasoned perspective on family life as a married mother of two college aged children. Her reputation as a responsible and detail-oriented individual is reflected in her active involvement in the FMZBC Greeter's Ministry and her deep roots in community service, most notably through her leadership as a board member for Mary's House. In every capacity, she truly embodies the spirit of Proverbs 31:26: "She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue." Whether she is welcoming the congregation with grace or advocating for the vulnerable at the shelter, her words and actions are guided by this biblical standard of integrity and compassion. I believe she is a woman of God who is always willing to work for the Kingdom, making her an ideal candidate to serve in church leadership.

Respectfully submitted by: Jane Doe
Member, First Mount Zion Baptist Church

INSTRUCTIONS

- It is paramount that the names of potential candidates remain confidential to protect the integrity of the selection process and individual's privacy. A violation of this principle will invalidate the nomination. **Do not inform candidates they are in the process of being nominated or have been nominated.**

- The nomination form must be submitted to Deaconessnominations@firstmountzionbc.org no later than **May 31, 2026**.
- A hard copy of the nomination form can be submitted to the Church Office Receptionist in a sealed envelope addressed to Deaconess Kishema Tapp no later than **May 31, 2026**.
- Please address all questions to Deaconess Kishema Tapp at ktapp@firstmountzionbc.org or (757) 373-9449.

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