

ACTS Lesson 5

And Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people. (Acts 6:8).

The Native Hebrews	The Hellenistic Jews
Spoke Hebrew as their primary language.	Spoke Greek as their primary language.
Born and raised in Palestine.	Born and raised in Gentile countries.
Both groups were of Jewish ancestry and both had come to trust in Jesus.	
Their widows were being fed in a daily service.	Their widows were inadvertently overlooked.

- The Solution
 - Deacon
 - Qualifications



Election, Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders and Deacons in the PCA

- Stephen
 - The Charges
 - Stephen's Message

CHAPTER 24 Election, Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders and Deacons Election

24-1. Every church shall elect persons to the offices of ruling elder and deacon in the following manner: At such times as determined by the Session, communicant members of the congregation may submit names to the Session, keeping in mind that each prospective officer should be an active male member who meets the qualifications set forth in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. After the close of the nomination period nominees for the office of ruling elder and/or deacon shall receive instruction in the qualifications and work of the office. Each nominee shall then be examined in:

- a. his Christian experience, especially his personal character and family management (based on the qualifications set out in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9),
- b. his knowledge of Bible content,
- c. his knowledge of the system of doctrine, government, discipline contained in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America (BCO Preface III, The Constitution Defined),
- d. the duties of the office to which he has been nominated, and
- e. his willingness to give assent to the questions required for ordination. (BCO 24-6)

If there are candidates eligible for the election, the Session shall report to the congregation those eligible, giving at least thirty (30) days prior notice of the time and place of a congregational meeting for elections.

If one-fourth (1/4) of the persons entitled to vote shall at any time request the Session to call a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing additional officers, it shall be the duty of the Session to call such a meeting on the above procedure. The number of officers to be elected shall be determined by the congregation after hearing the Session's recommendation.

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