

The Riverside Church Schedule for the 2017 Election

- 12/4/16** **SUNDAY - CAMPAIGN BEGINS – ANNOUNCEMENT MADE TO THE CONGREGATION**
- 3/12/17** **SUNDAY - DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ALL ELECTED POSITIONS (60 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION)**
- 3/19/17** **SUNDAY - NOMINEES ANNOUNCED IN ENEWSLETTER**
- 3/19/17** **SUNDAY - PETITION PERIOD FOR THOSE NOT CHOSEN AS CANDIDATES (GIVEN 21 DAYS)**
- 4/9/17** **SUNDAY - PETITION PERIOD ENDS**
- 4/23/17** **SUNDAY - FINAL SLATE INCLUDED IN RIVERSIDE ENEWSLETTER & POSTED IN LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED IN THE CHURCH**
- 4/23/17** **SUNDAY - CANDIDATES WEAR NAME TAGS (FOR 4 WEEKS)**
- 4/30/17** **SUNDAY - CONVERSATION WITH THE CANDIDATES**
- 4/30/17** **SUNDAY - PAPER BALLOTS AVAILABLE TO CONGREGATION AT GUARD’S DESK**
- 4/30/17** **SUNDAY - BEGIN ELECTRONIC VOTING**
- 5/18/17** **THURSDAY – DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF BALLOTS BY MAIL**
- 5/18/17** **THURSDAY (AT MIDNIGHT) – DEADLINE FOR ELECTRONIC VOTING**
- 5/21/17** **SUNDAY - ANNUAL MEETING/ELECTION – BALLOT COUNTING BY NOMINATING COMMITTEE**
- 5/22/17** **MONDAY - CANDIDATES NOTIFIED OF ELECTION RESULTS VIA EMAIL**
- 5/28/17** **SUNDAY - ELECTION RESULTS ANNOUNCED TO THE CONGREGATION**

How to find the Elected Lay Leadership Survey on The Riverside Church website.

Go to The Riverside Church website: <http://www.trcnyc.org>.

Under “**Explore**” find “**Lay Leadership Information**” and **click on it**.

Under “**Answer God’s Call to Serve**” go further down to “**Answer the Call**”. Below that is the “**Lay Leadership Interest Survey**”. **Click on this to access the survey**.

Fill in the survey, taking extra time under “**Candidate Biographical Information**”. What you write there (150 words only, please) will be used directly on the ballot so please take your time composing it. Once you have completed the survey click on “**Submit**”. Your information will go directly to the Nominating Committee. If you have questions, any Nominating Committee member can help you. You can find them at a table just inside South Hall at the Coffee Hour each Sunday.

Plan to reset the 3-year rotational pattern of terms for elected lay leaders

The Riverside Church By-laws state that members of the Church Council, Commissions and Committees serve in a 3-year rotational pattern. Over the years, that pattern has deteriorated, so the Nominating Committee proposed a plan to re-establish the terms of service. The Church Council has approved this plan, which will be implemented for elections in May 2017: Candidates elected to the Membership Care and Parish Life Commission (MCPL), Church Council and the Nominating Committee will receive three-, two- or one-year terms, determined by the number of votes each candidate receives – candidates who receive the highest number of votes receive the longer term.

Riverside Church Nominating Committee

2016-2017 Election Cycle

Election takes place on 5/21/17

<u>Commissions</u>	<u>Number of Openings</u>	<u>3 year terms</u>	<u>2 year terms</u>	<u>1 year term</u>
Education	3	3		
Membership Care & Parish Life (MCPL)	11	4	4	3
Mission & Social Justice (MSJ)	3	3		
Worship	3	3		
<u>Committees</u>				
Budget & Planning*	0			
Nominating	6	4	2	
<u>Church Council</u>	7	5	2	

*Budget & Planning Committee only has 4 elected positions, none of which expire in 2017. All the other positions on this 12 member committee are people who are officers on Commissions. There will be three positions up for election in 2018.