

My Spiritual Gifts

Name _____

Date _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Before the meeting, answer these questions.

1. What am I good at? What do I know something about?
2. If you asked someone what some of your gifts are, what would the person say?
3. What strengths do you have that you don't often see or use?
4. Think about a crisis you have seen or experienced. What assets did the crisis bring out?
5. After my prayerful reflection, I believe that God has given me the following spiritual gifts for use in the life of the church and in its witness in the world:

During the meeting, answer these questions.

6. After discernment with others in the church, together we affirm these spiritual gifts for me—or have modified them—and would now state them this way:
7. During the coming year, I can use these spiritual gifts in the life and witness of Mennonite Church of the Servant by doing the following tasks:

Nominations for Shepherds

Half of the shepherds of Mennonite Church of the Servant are affirmed or reaffirmed each year for two-year terms. Current shepherds are Pat Cameron (one year left in term) and Lois Barrett (term completed, eligible for reaffirmation). A third shepherd for the church would be desirable. Shepherds meet about twice a month with Pastor Jerry Truex and also with the trustees and church moderator once a month. The shepherds, trustees, pastor, and moderator make up the Church Council.

Shepherds:

- Give attention to the spiritual growth and direction of the church.
- Give attention to the total welfare of individuals in the church, including those not in servant groups, as well as the health and vitality of servant groups.
- Are the point of contact between servant groups and the whole church.
- Are available for counseling, prayer, and/or spiritual direction.
- Plan retreats, the annual sharing of spiritual pilgrimages, and the gift discernment process.
- Authorize spending from the Sharing Fund.
- Contact potential members and visitors.
- Help newcomers find a place in the church as a whole and in a servant group.
- As part of the Church Council, put items on the agenda for the Church Life meeting and work with the trustees to prepare the annual church budget.
- Give guidance to and serve as a sounding board for the pastor.

Looking at this description of what shepherds are called to do, whom would you nominate to be shepherds for Mennonite Church of the Servant September 2008 to September 2010?

1. _____

2. _____