Hillcrest Church of Christ Elder Nominee Information Form

General Information

Personal:

Name: Kelly Maurice Moore

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Occupation: Retired educational administrator

Work Part time-Business Development

Employer: Sedalco Construction Services

Age: 68 Christian Since: 1971



Photo of Nominee and Wife Here

Family:

Wife:	Kathy	Christian Since:	1968
Child:	Kyle Moore	Age:	42
Child:	Kallie Pringle	Age:	38
Child:	Kasey Lambert	Age:	34
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Child:		Age:	

Church:

How long have you been a member at Hillcrest Church of Christ?

32 years 1980-2004 2016-Present

In what capacities or leadership roles have you served at this or other congregations? Where and when?

Hillcrest Church of Christ 1980-2004 Deacon, Life Group Leader, Bible Class Teacher, Chaired and served on several minister search committees, Elder Selection Committee 2016-present Missions Committee Chair, Bible Class Teacher, Chairman of the Capital Campaign Committee, Life Group Leader

Heritage Church of Christ in Fort Worth 2006-2016 Elder, Life Group Leader, Bible Class Teacher

Biography:

Give us a brief biography.

I was raised in a small farming community, Dimmitt TX, and graduated from high school there. My parents were raised in the Church of Christ and were faithful members all their life. I came to ACU in 1975 graduating in 1979 with a degree in education followed by my Masters degree from ACU in educational administration. Kathy and I met at ACU and have been married for 47 years. We have 3 children, Kyle, Kallie and Kasey and have 5 grandchildren. My professional career began as a teacher at Taylor Elementary in the Abilene school district. After 6 years I moved into administration serving in the central administration office and as a campus administrator at Valley View Elementary, Lincoln Middle School, and Clack Middle School. I then moved to Hawley ISD where I served as a Principal and then Superintendent. In total I have 28 years in public education.

In 2004 we moved to Fort Worth to serve as the Executive Director of Christ's Haven for Children, a residential children's home. After 5 years there I was asked to come to Fort Worth Christian School and serve as President. During our time in Fort Worth, we attended the Heritage Church of Christ in Keller and I served as an elder there for 5 years. In 2016 we moved back to Abilene, and I took the President's position with National Christian School Association. I retired from NCSA in 2020, and I now work part time with Sedalco Construction Services in business development and I coach golf at Abilene Christian School. My experiences have allowed me to work with Christian school boards and elderships around the country dealing with their role as Christian leaders with their school or church. Kathy and I continue to be very active members of the Hillcrest Church of Christ.

Please give a few examples of spiritual disciplines you practice in an effort to grow in the image of Jesus.

My family has been deeply involved in mission efforts all over the world, working in Zambia, Nicaragua, Honduras, and locations in the U.S. We believe that service to others is our calling and taught that to our children in word and deed. I work to immerse myself in the bible and other books that speak to the life of Jesus and how we can live a life of service and how to affect and encourage faith based organizational leadership. What you listen to and who you spend your time with has great impact on your daily thoughts and actions, so I listen to Christian music as well as lessons from ministers including Louie Giglio, Rick Atchley, Max Lucado, and Andy Stanley. Our lives are centered around our Christ centered friends and our family

The questions on the rest of the Information Form were designed to stimulate the introspection of nominees and to provide information to members of the Hillcrest congregation. Therefore, we ask you to give your thoughtful and prayerful attention to the questions that follow.

Please respond in the spaces below to each question. Feel free to use additional paper, numbering each answer to correspond to the question being considered, if necessary.

Section 1: Introspection Related to Self and Family

1. Are you willing to serve to the best of your ability? What motivates you to serve the Lord as an elder at Hillcrest?

YES I believe the Lord gives us all gifts to use in service to the kingdom and our fellow man. I have been blessed with experiences and wonderful mentors in organizational leadership and teaching. This has allowed me to be visionary about what the Lord calls us to do to bring others into a relationship with him. He has been me a gift to speak in public and teach the gospel to others. Using those gifts I have worked with leaders at schools and churches in different parts of the country and in Nicaragua, Honduras, South Korea, and Thailand. I believe my experiences and gift of visionary leadership bring me to this point to work with the current Hillcrest elders to spread the gospel locally and abroad.

- 2. After a study of 1 Timothy 3:1-16 and Titus 1:5-9, do you and your family concur that you qualify scripturally to serve as an elder? Yes ⋈ No □
- 3. Please describe the special circumstances, if any, that you considered in making your determination to question 2 above.

I count it as a great blessing that all my children are faithfully attending church each Sunday. Kathy and I both grew up attending a Church of Christ and we raised our children in the church as well. All my children as baptized believers and we instilled a servant heart in all of them. We have taken many opportunities to serve others around the world and have taken our children with us. Through my work in private school education I have been able to send hundreds of students on mission trips. My desire is that they learn that (1) people in this world need their help and need to hear the gospel, (2) that they are very blessed in their life in the U.S, and (3) that you can be happy with very few earthly possessions.

4. After a study of Hebrews 13:17 and 1 Peter 5:1-3, are you and your family willing to give the time it will require you to fulfill the duties of an elder? Yes ⋈ No □

Section 2: Introspection Related to your Vision for Hillcrest

5. Describe the Hillcrest congregation as you see it now.

Hillcrest is a thriving group of believers who encourage one another and are focused on sharing the story of Jesus locally and abroad. The spirit in which we worship, and love others is stronger than any point I can remember. Our current leadership and ministerial staff are doing a wonderful job in leading us to reach the lost in many parts of the world and live a godly life as an example to those we come in contact with daily.

Describe the Hillcrest congregation as you would like to see it in five years.

My vision for Hillcrest is to continue to adhere to our statement of faith and listen closely for God's calling. We are a community of servants, and I hope we will look for ways to use our gifts to continue to reach more people in sharing the gospel of Jesus. I believe that Abilene is on the cusp of significant growth. I hope we will be visionary in being a welcoming church to all ages and work in removing any barriers that might keep people from coming in our doors.

7. What activities would you pursue, or encourage others to pursue, so that the Hillcrest congregation (individually and collectively) can make a greater impact for Jesus Christ in our neighborhood and the city of Abilene?

Again, I think Abilene is posed for significant population growth and we are in a very visible location. Our focus over the past 5 years has shifted to expand our local missions and we are already head of the curve in being ready for growth. I hope we would be more intentional in helping our members identify and use their spiritual gifts as new people come our way. The are more nonprofits per capita in Abilene Texas than just about anywhere else in the country. There are many opportunities to serve, and I hope that we will provide service opportunities within our church and with local nonprofit ministries. Service to others is going to have many new opportunities and faces in our corner of the world.

Section 3: Introspection Related to the Spiritual and Congregational Health of Hillcrest

8. What do you view as the single most important task of an elder at Hillcrest?

Lead by example in all phases of your life. You not only lead and guide the direction of the church but also encourage individuals to serve others. We are there to pray for our members, and community always. Being leaders of prayerful discernment is such an important role for elders. Being visionary leaders who continue to look for opportunities that God presents to us in sharing the story of Jesus and his salvation.

9. How would you relate the following scriptures to yourself and to the Hillcrest congregation?

Ephesians 4:11-16

We are in times where our faith and basic beliefs of how to conduct ourselves and our worship are under attack. Because of strong faithful men in leadership Hillcrest has not strayed away from the from the core beliefs and practices of our faith. I think that one of our strong points as a church is that we have been steadfast in our beliefs and practices regardless of what other churches or the world in general might be doing. We are known as a church built on a rock with a firm foundation that will not give way or change without much prayer for discernment and wisdom. As an elder it is my duty to work with the other elders to keep us on this course of truth in love.

Acts 20:25-31

My mentor and former elder, Dr. Dwain Hart, said many times, "as an elder there are times when you must Speak to the Matter." If there are those that seek to lead our congregation from the truth, then we are called to speak to them and be sure we are not led astray. As elders we must also be vigilant within our group and work together to maintain our Christian faith and integrity. Always being prayer to discern God's direction and calling for the Hillcrest Church of Christ.

John 10:2-5

Our calling to our flock at Hillcrest is as much by deed as by word. They see what you do in service and how you live a life of integrity as much as they hear your words. They will follow so we as leaders must hold each other accountable for our deeds and words. Speak well of others and encourage them all the time. Be willing and ready to be available to pray with members and to assist them in any way we can.

Hebrews 13:17

Our charge of leadership has immense responsibility as we strive to help all our flock remain faithful and true to the bible and the teachings of Jesus. In the following verse, Hebrews 13:18 it asks for prays for leaders that they might lead an honorable life that is a good example to others.

10. What are the greatest challenges facing the Hillcrest congregation in the coming days?

There are many challenges that all congregations and denominations face these days, and many are the same. But here are a few: (1) continuing to be a church that attracts new and younger families, (2) Staying in constant prayer to discern the path our church needs to follow in our theology and practices, (3) being a church that continues to seek the Lord's will for us in spreading the gospel both locally and abroad. (4) being a church that always has an open door to our community, from the homeless to our university neighbors, and seeks to bring them into relationship with Jesus, (5) we are a church that will continue to have struggles with aging facilities and the need to make wise decisions about how we will address this challenge will always be there, (6) Continuing to build unity among our congregation and meet the spiritual and social needs of all those who come through our doors regardless of age or need.

11. How do you view modern culture's impact on today's Church (for example, in the areas of personal morality, sexual identity and behavior, gender issues, racial bias, politics, etc.) and how should the Church respond?

We are in a time in history where so many are turning their back on Jesus and his teachings. Selfishness and personal desires are taking over the lives of so many. The ability to have information and opinion about any topic, be it true or false, in an instant is becoming a plague on mankind. This access is exposing and leading our world away from the true teachings and basic beliefs of our creator and savior. Our role is to help those who cross our path to know and understand the love of God and the need for belief to have eternal life with him. This is challenging because we must deal with people whose beliefs have led them astray. We are called to love the Lord and love ALL our neighbor as we love ourselves. This does not mean we silently accept others' beliefs and lifestyles because we do not want to offend them or drive them away. But we must be ready and willing to hold fast to the true teachings of Jesus and be known as a people that believe in the gospel and the way of life that it teaches. As the leader of a Christian school had I had to on occasion speak boldly to parents, students and even staff that were acting in a manner that was not Christ Like. This

included parents that were living a sinful lifestyle that was not in line with our school's moral creed and our Christian beliefs. And we as leaders must call those living in sin to repent and hopefully lead them to repentance. If not, then we must be willing to let them know that we do not condone their lifestyle decisions and can not fellowship with them until such time as they repent. This is a difficult part of leadership, but God calls us to speak truth in love.

12. I have read the beliefs document (expanded version) posted on the Hillcrest website and the Hillcrest policy manual. Yes $\ oxdot$ No $\ oxdot$			
I can serve as an Elder at Hillcrest in support of these beliefs and policies. Yes $oxtimes$ No $oxtimes$			
If you have any reservations about serving in support of either document, please describe your reservations:			
This space is for further comment on any subject. If in reference to a question above, please begin your comments with the number of the question being discussed.			
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