

## **Board of Deacons Presented during Worship in February 2017**

I am Bob Metz and I have been a member of First Congo since 1995. During the intervening years I have served on several boards and currently am a member of the Board of Deacons. Each time I have served on a board I have developed a better understanding of how First Congo operates financially, spiritually, and administratively. However, there is much I still do not know. That is one reason I am willing to serve on the board, so that I can hopefully be an asset to the church, but also continue to grow in my faith journey.

As a deacon, one of our duties is to assist the clergy with communion. I have always felt welcomed when our clergy invite all to come and eat at Christ's table. But now I can share that welcome with members and visitors as we "break bread" together.

Earlier this month our scripture reading from Matthew included these words: "No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your God in heaven."

I would therefore encourage anyone who is approach to be on the board, to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider letting their light shine and help with the good works here at First Congo.