

A close-up photograph of several hands of different skin tones cupped together in a circle. In the center of the hands, the word "SERVE" is spelled out using white rectangular cards with black letters. The cards are slightly tilted and overlap each other. The background is a soft-focus view of the hands and fingers.

Called to

SERVE

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Tim 3:8-13

I. The Problem.

¹ Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily **distribution** (*'diakonia'*). ² And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God **to serve** (*'diakoneo'*) tables.

***Deacons / Servant Ministers (*'diakonos'*)**

Acts 6:1-2, ESV

I. The Problem.

II. The Solution.

³ Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men **of good repute, **full of the Spirit** and **of wisdom**, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”**

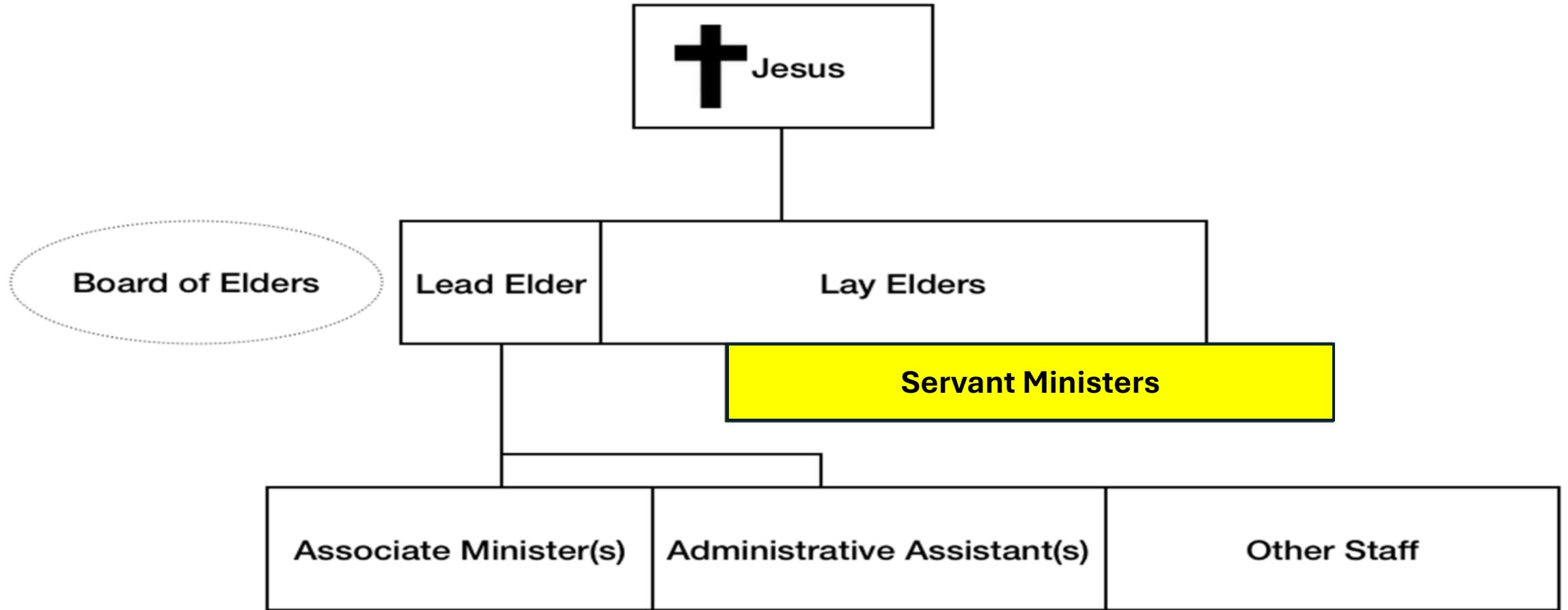
Acts 6:3-4, ESV

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Board of Elders and their wives:

**Kevin and Missy Elwell
Andrew and Denise Graves
Jeff and Jane Jones
Steve and MJ Wolborski**

“If ministers wish to do any good, let them labour to form Christ, not to form themselves, in their hearers.”

John Calvin (French Reformer)

- I. The Problem.**
- II. The Solution.**
- III. The Selection.**

⁵ And what they (the apostles) said pleased the whole gathering, and they (the disciples) chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.

The Qualifications for Deacons (*'diakonos'*)

⁸ Deacons **likewise must be** dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹ They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰ And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹ Their wives **likewise must be** dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹² Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³ For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

The Qualifications for Servant Ministers (*'diakonos'*)

Qualifications for Men

- 1. Dignified**
- 2. Not double-tongued**
- 3. Not addicted to any intoxicating substance**
- 4. Not fond of sordid gain**
- 5. Hold fast to their faith with clear conscience**
- 6. Being a one-woman man**
- 7. Good managers of their children / household**

Qualifications for Women

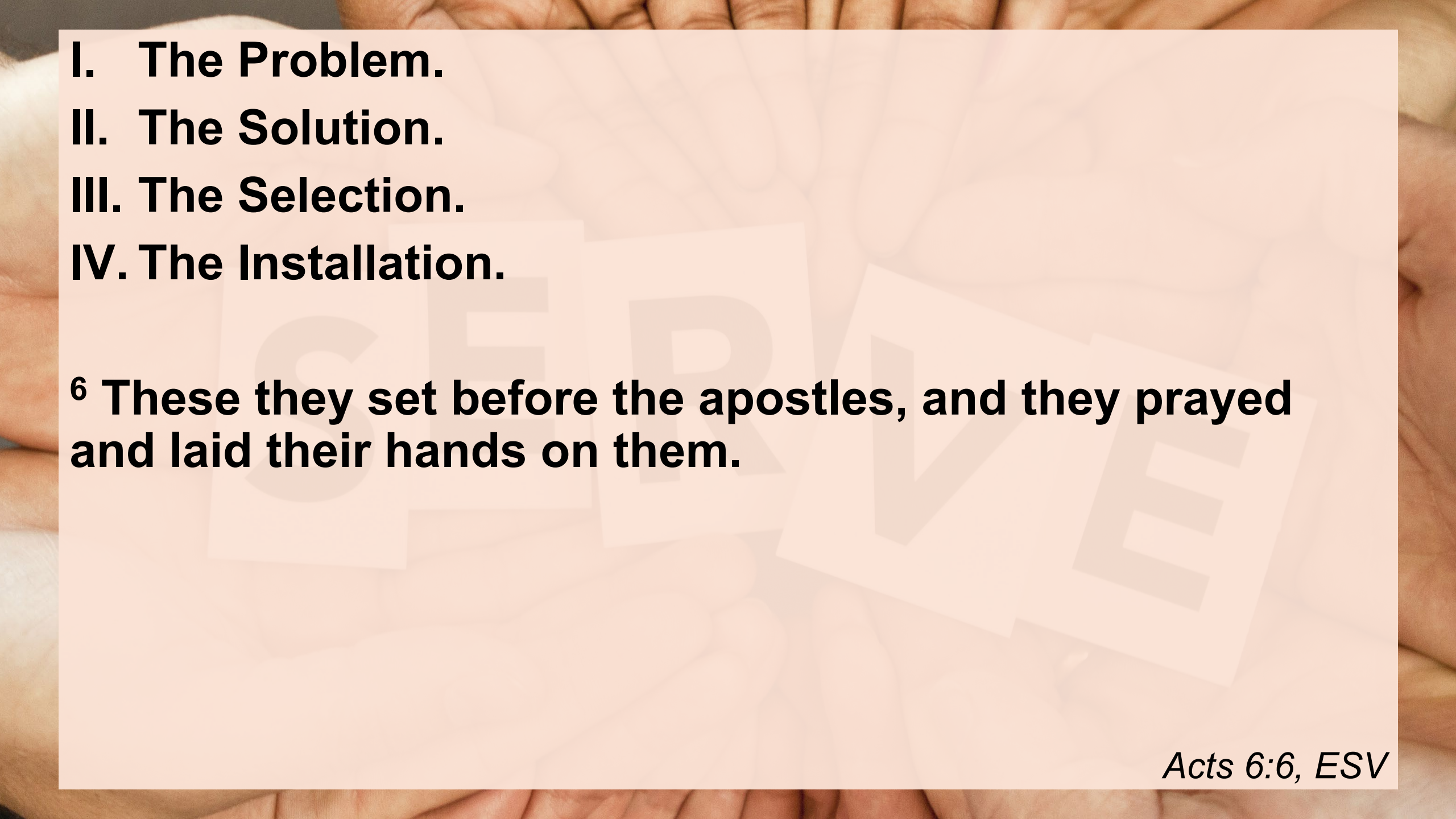
- 1. Dignified**
- 2. Not malicious gossips**
- 3. Temperate / sober-minded**
- 4. Faithful in all things**

Community Group / Ministry Leaders:

**Cris and Lisa Baluyut
Luke and Kayla Brown
Matt and Rhonda Conrad
Ambros Constantino
Brody and Maddi Eddins
Jeff and Jane Jones*
Kit and Nimfa Lanuza
Manny and Kris Lujan***

**Josh and Jess Madrid
Pancho and Ahyen Madrid*
Paul and Betina Malelmai
Alex and Danielle Tavares
Phillip and Isoko Villarreal
Kirby and Shine Walker
Mike and Yra Wilkins
Will and Meagan Yokeley**

* Elder or elder candidate
(Other names will be included.)

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- I. The Problem.**
 - II. The Solution.**
 - III. The Selection.**
 - IV. The Installation.**

⁶ These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

Bayview Church Servant Minister Process

- 1. Identify members who are serving in ministry well**
- 2. Observe the servant nature of the member's ministry**
- 3. Evaluate the area of service they are drawn towards**
- 4. Evaluate the members qualifications**
- 5. Evaluate the member's identification with Bayview's distinctives**
- 6. Let them be tested**
- 7. Affirm the office of servant minister upon them**

- I. The Problem.**
- II. The Solution.**
- III. The Selection.**
- IV. The Installation.**
- V. The Result.**

⁷ And **the word of God** continued to increase, and **the number of the disciples** multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

What's My Main To Do?

1. **PRAY** for our elders and (soon-to-be) servant ministers.

“If some Christians that have been complaining of their ministers had said and acted less before men and had **applied themselves with all their might to cry to God for their ministers**—had, as it were, risen and **stormed heaven** with their humble, fervent, and incessant prayers for them—they would have been much more in the way of success.”

Jonathan Edwards (American Evangelical Preacher)

John 17:¹⁵ I (Jesus) do not ask that you (Father) take them out of the world, but that you keep them (the disciples / all believers) from the evil one.

What's My Main To Do?

1. **PRAY** for our elders and (soon-to-be) servant ministers.
2. **Focus on the GOSPEL GROWTH** not on the numerical growth.

Acts6:⁷ And **the word of God continued to increase**, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

1Tim3:^{14b} I am writing these things to you **so that**, ¹⁵ if I (Paul) delay, you may know how one **ought to behave** in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.

What's My Main To Do?

1. **PRAY** for our elders and (soon-to-be) servant ministers.
2. Focus on the **GOSPEL GROWTH** not on the numerical growth.
3. **Aspire to be a servant minister.**

Heb. 5:12 For though by this time **you ought to be teachers**, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God.

“Ministers are servants who lead and leaders who serve.”

- Dave Earley