

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee nominates the following persons for the positions indicated. Each of the persons nominated has expressed a willingness to serve if elected. Nominations from the floor are in order but require the prior agreement of the persons who are being nominated. The Assembly Moderator will preside during the election process. Comments during the election process are to be directed to the Moderator.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:

The Rev. Kathryn Stoner-Lasalla, First Presbyterian Church of Macomb, Illinois, Class of 2010 and then to serve as a member of the Class of 2013

ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL:

Roger Dornaus, Peoria First Federated, Class of 2010 and then to serve as a member of the Class of 2013

The Nominating Committee thanks all those who currently serve on Presbytery councils and committees. Nominating Committee members include Susan Baller-Shepard, Gene Campbell, Gary Davis, Millie Eldridge, Deb Howard, Jeffrey Johnson, Larry Lawson, Pam Putney, Jim Rebman, Randy Schafer, Bill Swaar, and Sandi Woodard. The Nominating Committee is looking for people who would add generational diversity to Presbytery deliberations. Persons adept at using new technologies such as "Skype" and "Go to Meeting" are also eagerly sought. We seek people who can make the time and travel commitment to be faith members of a committee.

Currently the Nominating Committee is looking for a female clergyperson with the interest skills needed to preside over our sometimes difficult Assembly deliberations. This should be someone who could commit to serving as Moderator-elect of the Presbytery in 2011 and Moderator in 2012.

We also seek someone with financial skills to serve as the Presbytery's Treasurer beginning in 2011. Frequent travel to the Presbytery office is required of the Presbytery Treasurer.

At Presbytery Assembly you will find blue forms that you can use to suggest yourself or someone you know for a position of leadership in the Presbytery. Simply jot the name(s) on one of the blue forms and drop the form in a red evaluation tub at the back of the room before your leave the Assembly. Upon returning home, if you think of a potential nominee, please telephone or email the name to Gary Davis, Nominating Committee moderator. Gary's email is: gwdavis44@comcast.net and his telephone number is (217) 737.3359. Or you can send names to Gary at the following postal address: Gary Davis, 11 Illini Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656. This is an open process and we are looking for people to serve on the following committees, councils, assemblies and boards.

Committee on Ministry: This Committee meets eleven times each year and conducts some business by email between meetings. These are Tuesday, daylong meetings in Peoria. The members of the Committee meet together to address all of the issues that arise between the pastor or other leader of a congregation and the members of the congregation, including calls, dissolution of calls, and problems that may arise from time to time. Each member of the committee also serves as the representative of the committee to several congregations and will be called upon to attend meetings of the session or Pastor Nominating Committee of those congregations as needed. Members of this committee need to be able to keep confidences and to address conflict in a way that is helpful to the whole church. The Committee sometimes acts on behalf of the Presbytery so all its lay members must be elders.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry: This committee meets three times each year for daylong meetings in Peoria. The committee oversees the preparation of those who feel called to ministry as Ministers of Word and Sacrament in the PCUSA. The meetings include face to face meetings with these persons and sometimes involve hard decisions that need to be made. Each member of the committee also acts as a liaison with one or more candidates and inquirers, keeping in touch with them and being available to them at all times. The Committee sometimes acts on behalf of the Presbytery so all its lay members must be elders.

Examination Committee:

This committee is unique to the Presbytery of Great Rivers. Its members meet in small teams with ministers who are being considered for service in any of the congregations of the presbytery. The committee meets as a whole once each year for training. The Committee sometimes acts on behalf of the Presbytery, so all its lay members must be elders.

Administration Council: This committee meets four times each year for half day or daylong meetings in Peoria. The committee acts as the Trustees of the Presbytery, handles Personnel Issues, and oversees the budget, investments and all other financial business of the presbytery. The Committee sometimes acts on behalf of the Presbytery so all its lay members must be elders.

Visioning Council: This committee meets six times each year for daylong meetings in Peoria. They oversee the Mission Initiative Grants of the presbytery, plan presbytery meetings and educational events for pastors and lay members, and set the vision and strategy for the presbytery. The Committee sometimes acts on behalf of the Presbytery so all its lay members must be elders.

Illinois Conference of Churches: One member of the Presbytery serves as our delegate to this body, which meets as a whole once each year.

Illinois Presbyterian Home (Springfield): The Board of the Presbyterian Home includes members of this presbytery who attend its monthly meetings at the home.

General Assembly Commissioners: Our presbytery elects six people to serve as Commissioners to each General Assembly. These are three elders and three ministers. The moderator and moderator-elect of the presbytery serve in two of these slots and the other four are elected from among the congregations of the presbytery. This role involves extensive preparation before the meeting, which lasts for a week. Those elected must be comfortable with computer technology since the meeting papers are issued and revised online during the meeting. The commissioners are expected to report to the presbytery after the GA meeting. They also serve as the Bills and Overtures committee of the presbytery until the next General Assembly, making recommendations about the presbytery's vote on any overtures sent down by the GA and on any overtures received from congregations within the presbytery.

General Assembly Youth Advisory Delegate: The YAD must be between the ages of 16 and 24 and serves at the General Assembly, a week-long meeting. Extensive preparation before the meeting and computer skills are required. The YAD is expected to report, along with the Commissioners, to the presbytery after the GA meeting and is a member of the presbytery's Bills and Overtures committee until the next meeting of the General Assembly.

Synod Commissioner: Our presbytery elects two elders and two ministers to serve as commissioners to the Synod of Lincoln Trails for a three-year term. The Synod meets in the Champaign-Urbana area four times each year for one-day meetings. The commissioners are expected to inform the presbytery about the work of the Synod.