



EPC

A Global Movement of Evangelical Presbyterian Churches

2018/2019 ENDORSEMENT FOR NOMINATION General Assembly Nominating Committee

Please suggest only the names of persons with whom you have consulted and who are willing to serve if nominated and elected. (Please read both pages carefully before completing and submitting this form to the Nominating Committee at the General Assembly Office.)

NAME: _____ ENDORSED FOR: _____
(Committee/Board)

Please check: Male Female Teaching Elder Ruling Elder Non-ordained

OCCUPATION: _____

***Please check box after preferred phone to designate type**

PHONE NUMBER _____ Cell Work Home

PREFERRED E-MAIL: _____ FAX: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____ CITY, ST, ZIP: _____

CONGREGATION: _____

CITY, STATE: _____ PRESBYTERY: _____

CHURCH EXPERIENCE: Congregation, Presbytery, General Assembly, Interdenominational. In the case of a minister, please give length of service in current position.

INTERESTS AND SPECIAL SKILLS applicable to proposed nomination. Be specific*.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

ENDORSED BY: _____, Clerk

REPRESENTING: _____
(Name of Presbytery or Session)

Date of Presbytery or Session meeting in which endorsement was given: _____

The Nominating Committee welcomes endorsements of well-qualified persons for service on the committees of the Church.

Sessions and presbyteries may endorse and submit names for the consideration of the Committee. When recommending candidates, remember that the Committee can present only a limited number of nominees for consideration in any one year, and that it must present only those who are able and willing to render exceptional service to the Church. Names should be submitted only after careful evaluation of the candidate's applicable skills and ability to give the necessary time.

Although committee members are not representatives of the presbyteries in the sense of representing a constituency, all other things being equal, the Nominating Committee attempts to spread committee membership among the various presbyteries so that all sections of the Church may be involved.

The Committee urges that names be submitted no later than February 28 for consideration at this General Assembly. However, the Committee welcomes endorsements at any time during the year for consideration by the subsequent Assembly.

Please keep in mind that **this form is to be used only by the Session or Presbytery.** Individuals interested in serving on a committee should not submit their own names, but rather express their interest to the endorsing body for proper submission to the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee keeps a three-year file of all names submitted; therefore, it is not necessary to resubmit names not used during this period.

Please fill in this form completely and carefully. If you need more space, use a blank sheet for additional information.

Kindly return completed forms to the address below:

The Nominating Committee
Evangelical Presbyterian Church
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THE NOMINATING PROCESS / COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

The permanent committees of the Assembly are listed below, along with the size of each, number of meetings per year, and a brief description of responsibilities. Membership on these committees is generally limited to ruling and teaching elders, with the exception of:

- (1) Christian Education and Communications, which may have up to two non-ordained members who are qualified in Christian Education and who are active members of EPC churches
- (2) Student and College Ministries, which may have up to six non-ordained members who have particular expertise or experience in student and/or college ministry and who are active members of EPC churches
- (3) World Outreach, which may have up to two non-ordained members with particular expertise or experience in world missions, and who are active members of EPC churches.
- (4) Board of Benefits, which may have up to six non-ordained members with particular expertise or experience in benefits and retirement programs or corporate leadership.
- (5) Women's Resource Council, which may have up to six non ordained members.

Terms are normally for three years and a person may serve two consecutive terms on the same committee followed by at least one year off. In accepting a nomination to committee membership, the nominee should clearly understand and be willing to accept the responsibility of active participation in the regular meetings of his or her committee.

Committees normally meet at the General Assembly office in Orlando, Florida. Transportation, lodging, and meals are coordinated through the General Assembly office. Transportation costs and lodging are paid by the Assembly.

Ruling elders being nominated must be endorsed by their sessions and ministers must be endorsed by their presbyteries. Such endorsement reflects official action of that body, and is attested by the Clerk. The endorsement forms provided should be filled in as completely as possible, and returned to the General Assembly Office by February 28. Forms for endorsed persons are kept in the committee's active file for three years. At its March meeting, the Nominating Committee considers endorsed individuals for possible nomination for election to vacancies on the permanent committees.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES – EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Note: “Meetings per year” refer to onsite meetings. When the agenda permits, some of those may be web meetings. Many committees also schedule phone conferences during the year.

Committee	Size	Meetings per year
National Leadership Team	9	4
<u>Description:</u> Serves as directors of the corporation, executing legal and corporate business. Provides coordination of program committee work and oversees the continuing work of the General Assembly between stated meetings. Provides guidance to the Office of the General Assembly, and works with the Stated Clerk in personnel administration of the General Assembly staff. Develops the annual administration and benevolence budgets. Committee generally meets in October, January, and April. Three members elected annually.		

Committee	Size	Meetings per year
CHAPLAINS WORK AND CARE	6	2
<u>Description:</u> Oversees and conducts the chaplain endorsement process, develops and implements policies and procedures for EPC chaplain ministry, and provides for pastoral care for endorsed chaplains and their families. Recommends policies related to chaplaincy to the General Assembly. Generally meets in October and February and by phone conference as needed. Two members elected annually.		

Committee	Size	Meetings per year
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & COMMUNICATIONS*	6	2
<u>Description:</u> Will be combining with the Student & College Ministries in July 2017 to form a Next Generation Ministries Council.		

Committee	Size	Meetings per year
CHURCH PLANTING & REVITALIZATION	3	2
<u>Description:</u> Coordinates, encourages, develops and provides resources for church planting, evangelism, and church development efforts of presbyteries and churches. Coordinates, encourages, develops and provides resources for church revitalization efforts of presbyteries and churches. Convenes meetings of presbytery Church Development Chairmen. One member elected annually.		

Committee	Size	Meetings per year
FRATERNAL RELATIONS	6	1
<u>Description:</u> Assists General Assembly in developing and maintaining relationships with other bodies of Christians including denominations in the Reformed tradition, ecumenical agencies (evangelical or Reformed in character) and other groups working to advance the Kingdom of God through evangelism, nurture and service. Ordinarily meets in the spring (March or April) prior to General Assembly. Two members elected annually.		

Committee	Size	Meetings per year
MINISTERIAL VOCATION	6	2

Description: Resources the Ministerial and Candidates Committees of the Presbyteries. Oversees the ordination testing process and the Candidates Educational Equivalency Program. Is concerned with the pastoral care of ministers and their families. Ordinarily meets in September and late February. Two members elected annually.

Committee	Size	Meetings per year
NOMINATING	13	1

Description: Seeks qualified people from presbyteries and churches to serve as Moderator-elect, Moderator, and on permanent committees. Appoints standing committee membership at General Assembly meetings from registered/certified commissioners. All presbyteries are represented and nominated for membership on the committee by the Moderator. Four members are elected annually.

Committee	Size	Meetings per year
PRESBYTERY REVIEW	4	1

Description: Responsible to review the minutes of the presbyteries prior to each General Assembly as to accuracy, constitutional conformity and inclusion of all required information. At least one member is a former Stated Clerk to provide experience and expertise. Ordinarily meets in May. One member elected annually.

Committee	Size	Meetings per year
STUDENT AND COLLEGE MINISTRIES	12	2

Description: Will be combining with Christian Education & Communications Committee in July 2017 to form a Next Generations Ministry Council.

Committee	Size	Meetings per year
THEOLOGY	6	2

Description: Receives and studies such theological matters as may be referred to it by the General Assembly, and returns its study with recommendations and requested papers to the Assembly. Ordinarily meets twice a year, once in the fall and once in spring. Two members elected annually.

Committee	Size	Meetings per year
Women's Resource Council	5	1

Description: Recruits, administers, and coordinates the activity of "The Well: Women's Resources."

Committee	Size	Meetings per year
WORLD OUTREACH	9	3

Description: Responsible to implement World Outreach Master Plan. Interprets and refines *World Outreach Missions Manual* where necessary. Has oversight and care of EPC missionaries, their selection, terms of call, and projects. Evaluates agencies for potential cooperative agreements. If approved by the 2016 General Assembly, will serve as managers of a new World Outreach corporate legal entity. Works in conjunction with World Outreach Director. Meetings are held for 2 1/2 days (Thursday - Saturday noon) three times a year in September, December, and March. Three members elected annually.

BOARDS

Board	SIZE	Meetings per year
BOARD OF BENEFITS	9	3

Description: Works with the Director of Benefits to oversee administration of the denominational Retirement Plan and Group Medical Plan. Serves as trustees of the Retirement Plan. Administers proceeds of the Gratitude Gift and makes annual report of its proceedings to the Assembly. If approved by the 2016 General Assembly, will serve as managers of a new EPC Benefits corporate legal entity. Ordinarily meets in late summer, winter and spring. Two members elected annually.

Board	SIZE	Meetings per year
EPC FOUNDATION BOARD	6	1 OR 2

Description: Oversees the operation of the EPC Foundation, recommends Christian foundations for the use of EPC churches and members, and advises the EPC in reviewing applications for the Church Loan Fund. Meetings are ordinarily by phone.

COMMISSIONS

Commission	SIZE	Meetings per year
PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION	9	1

Description: Studies questions of interpretation in the *Book of Order* referred by the Stated Clerk. Reviews overtures, recommendations, and resolutions for changing the Constitution prior to their presentation to the Assembly. In cases referred to the Assembly, the Commission makes a preliminary judgment, binding on the parties involved until the Assembly has sustained or rejected its recommendations. Has responsibility to make recommendations to the Assembly concerning wording, changes, amendments, additions or other matters relating to the Constitution of the Church (G.16-27B). Ordinarily meets in May and sits as a commission during General Assembly. Three members elected annually. Whenever possible, members will be from nine different presbyteries.