

CHAPTER SEVEN
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

I. Membership

This committee consists of six (6) members, broadly representative of the member churches of the Presbytery, divided into three classes of two each. These will be balanced as equally as possible between teaching and ruling elders, including both women and men, all nominated by the Presbytery Executive Committee. Special attention should be given to persons who are completing terms of service on other Presbytery committees for service on this Committee. The Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk serve as *ex-officio* members without vote.

II. Purpose and Accountability

A. Purpose

The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to:

1. Identify and present to the Presbytery officers in ordered ministry of this Presbytery and its churches and members of its churches for service on committees and commissions of the Presbytery pursuant to *BoO* G-3.0109.
2. Nominate individuals to serve in positions requiring election by the Presbytery pursuant to *BoO* G-3.0111.
3. Provide opportunities for officers in ordered ministry and members of the Presbytery and its churches to participate in the missional activities as well as the administrative decision making process of the Presbytery pursuant to *BoO* G-3.0103.

B. The Nominating Committee implements the principles of participation and inclusiveness in decision making of the church in order to ensure fair and effective representation, regardless of race ethnicity, sex, age, geography, disability, or theological conviction. (see *BoO* G-2.0401, G-3.0103, and F-1.0403)

C. The Nominating Committee consults with the Executive Committee and each standing committee of Presbytery concerning a description of positions to be filled.

D. The Nominating Committee is accountable to the Presbytery and reports directly to it in all matters.

III. Duties

The Nominating Committee:

- A. Serves as a committee on nominations, seeking to discover and develop the most effective possible personnel for all Presbytery committees and representatives and commissioners to higher level councils (*i.e.*, Synod of Southern California and Hawaii and the General Assembly).
- B. Nominates persons to fill all vacancies on standing committees and commissions of Presbytery as provided for by Chapter 4 of this *Manual*, boards and other bodies that require election by Presbytery or Synod, on an ongoing basis.
- C. Nominates individuals from the Presbytery to commissions and committees of higher level councils.
- D. Presents nominations for Moderator and Vice-moderator of Presbytery pursuant to section II of Chapter 2 of this *Manual*.
- E. Presents nominations for the chairs of all standing committees of Presbytery and the Executive Committee (except the Standing Committee on Nominations) at the November meeting of Presbytery.
- F. Considers qualified teaching and ruling elders, deacons, and members from the particular churches, who are recognized for their commitment to Jesus Christ and who are available for service at Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly levels.
- G. Maintains records sufficient to ensure that no committee member serves for consecutive terms on a committee, either full or partial, aggregating more than six (6) years, and having so served, a member shall not be eligible for another term on that committee until one year has elapsed. A partial term of six (6) months or less shall not count toward the above limitation.
- H. Nominates delegates (*e.g.*, young adult advisory delegates) to meetings of the General Assembly in accordance with the requirements of that council.
- I. The General Assembly commissioner and delegate nominations shall be made no later than the November stated meeting of Presbytery for election at the first meeting of a year in which a General Assembly meeting will be held pursuant to section VIII of Chapter 16 of this *Manual*.
- J. The Synod commissioner nominations shall be made no later than the November Presbytery meeting pursuant to section IX of Chapter 16 of this *Manual*.
- K. Makes other nominations as directed by Presbytery.

IV. Nomination and Election Procedures

- A. The Nominating Committee places in nomination only persons who have consented to serve in a particular position. The floor shall be opened for nominations as part of each

election by the Presbytery; members and commissioners may make nominations provided that: (i) each person nominated has consented to serve; and (ii) the nomination(s) from the floor are made prior to the Moderator of Presbytery declaring nominations to be closed for election to that position.

- B. Elections are by voice vote except when there are two (2) or more nominees for the same position, in which case election shall be by written ballot. A majority vote shall be required to elect, with subsequent rounds of voting held until a majority is reached. When more than two nominees are presented for a position, the nominee with the lowest number of votes shall be excluded from each required subsequent round of voting.
- C. Nominations to vacancies are made, whenever possible, no later than the stated meeting following the announcement of the vacancy by the Stated Clerk. When notified in sufficient time, nominations are included in the notice of each stated meeting of the Presbytery that is posted on the web site.

V. Participation and Representation

The Nominating Committee develops procedures and mechanisms for promoting and reviewing the Presbytery's implementation of inclusiveness and representation on committees and commissions of the Presbytery. It fulfills the following functions (see *BoO* G-3.0103):

- A. Advises the Executive Committee and the Presbytery as a whole on implementation of principles of unity and diversity (see *BoO* F-1.0403).
- B. Advocates for diversity in leadership of the Presbytery and its constituent organizations.