

Presbytery of Carlisle
Committee on Representation and Nominations

Purpose: The purpose of **Committee on Representation and Nominations** (CORN) is to prayerfully discern God's leading to the end of nominating persons of deep faith, exceptional abilities and strong commitment to the presbytery and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to the Coordinating Council, commissions, committees, entities and Permanent Judicial Commission of the Presbytery of Carlisle and to advise the Coordinating Council regarding implementation of principles of unity and diversity, striving for the "full expression to the rich diversity of the church's membership" (F-1.0403 and G-3.0103) within the presbytery.

Accountability: CORN shall be accountable to the Presbytery of Carlisle through the Coordinating Council.

Membership: CORN shall consist of six (6) voting members rotating in three (3) classes of two (2), comprised of Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Ruling Elder members in numbers as nearly equal as possible, nominated by the Coordinating Council and elected by the presbytery. These persons will preferably have knowledge/experience of the presbytery and its people. The term of service is three (3) years with the eligibility to serve two full terms or a maximum of six (6) consecutive years. The presbytery Co-Leaders will serve as ex-officio members.

Meetings: Ordinarily, CORN will meet monthly May through November and other times as necessary.

Responsibilities:

1. Fulfill the responsibilities described in G-3.0111 and G-3.0103, advocating for diversity in leadership and consulting with the Council on the employment of personnel, in accordance with the principles of unity and diversity in F-1.0403.
2. Share with Presbytery known information about demographics (possibly including race, ethnicity, gender, orientation, age, abledness, geography, etc.) of member churches, presbytery, and presbytery committees. Use that known information to help churches and presbytery develop strategies for making the structure of both churches and presbytery more accessible as they do the work of the Body of Christ within our communities.
3. Nominate, ordinarily at the last presbytery meeting of the year, persons for the following, filling vacancies when they occur and following the membership specifications for each particular entity:
 - Moderator-Elect of the presbytery who will be nominated to serve as Moderator the following year and continue to serve as Moderator of the Coordinating Council the year after serving as presbytery Moderator.

- At-large members to Coordinating Council
 - Commission on Ministry (COM) and its chair.
 - Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) and its chair.
 - Administration Committee and its chair.
 - New Worshipping Communities Commission (NWCC) and its chair.
 - Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC).
 - the appropriate and equal amount of teaching and ruling elders to serve as commissioners and alternates to the General Assembly (see GA Commissioner's position description) and to the Synod as well as any advisory delegates
4. Nominate other leaders as requested by presbytery staff or Coordinating Council.
 5. Consult periodically, no less than annually, with the moderators of presbytery committees and other entities to determine their committees' membership needs.

PROCESS FOR NOMINATING AND ELECTING TEACHING AND RULING ELDERS AS GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA) COMMISSIONERS

1. The presbytery shall elect commissioners in sufficient time to permit the list of commissioners to be delivered to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly 180 days (or as directed) prior to the convening of the session of the General Assembly to which they are commissioned. Applications shall be reviewed by the Nominating Committee and nominees for Commissioners and Alternates shall be presented for consideration at a meeting of the Presbytery that occurs prior to the date set by GA for receiving commissioners.
2. Only Teaching and Ruling Elders who are active in the life of the Presbytery of Carlisle and its member churches shall be nominated.
3. All applicants shall agree to be fully engaged in preparation, including learning how the GA process works, attending orientation sessions, becoming familiar with the technology to be used, and reading advance materials, in order to be able to actively participate in all assembly responsibilities.
4. Those elected as commissioners shall agree to interpret and communicate the actions of the GA back to the Presbytery, ordinarily at a stated meeting of the Presbytery, and be available for interpretation to individual congregations.
5. Alternates for Teaching Elder and Ruling Elder Commissioners will not be guaranteed to be the primary commissioner to the next GA, but will be eligible to re-apply to be considered in the next nominating process.
6. Application forms from Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders may be submitted by self-referral, by identification of a Session, by recommendation of a presbytery entity, or by solicitation of the Nominating Committee.

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APPLICATION PROCESS AND CRITERIA FOR TEACHING ELDERS

1. Teaching Elders seeking to be considered shall submit an application to the Nominating Committee, according to the deadline established by the Nominating Committee. The application shall include:
 - a. Date the applicant was received as a member of the Presbytery of Carlisle.
 - b. Date of his or her ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament of the PCUSA
 - c. Date(s) of previous attendance at a General Assembly, and in what capacity, whether for Carlisle Presbytery or any presbytery.
2. Applications for Teaching Elder Commissioners shall also meet the following criteria:
 - a. The applicant is member in good standing of the Presbytery of Carlisle. In the application, applicants will describe their active membership in the presbytery.
 - b. The applicant is endorsed either by the session she/he moderates, or any session within the presbytery if the Teaching Elder member does not moderate a session, or by any standing committee of the Presbytery.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND CRITERIA FOR RULING ELDERS

1. Ruling Elders seeking to serve as a Commissioner from the Presbytery of Carlisle to GA shall submit an application to the Nominating Committee, according to the deadline established by the Nominating Committee. The application shall indicate:
 - a. Date the applicant was received into membership of a PCUSA congregation.
 - b. Date of his or her ordination as a Ruling Elder.
 - c. Date(s) of previous GA meetings attended and the capacity in which the applicant attended, whether for Carlisle Presbytery or any presbytery.
2. Applications for Ruling Elder Commissioners shall address the following criteria:
 - a. The applicant shall be an active member of a congregation in the Presbytery of Carlisle and endorsed by the Session. In the application, applicants shall describe their active membership in the congregation.
 - b. In the application, applicants will describe their participation in the presbytery, including attendance at presbytery meetings.