

COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES

Interim Report, May 2020

The standing committees of the General Assembly bring Presbyterians from far and wide to serve together. While the work of these committees may not always be as visible, there is a special gladness in knowing that through their faithful efforts we are serving Christ in our communities and throughout the world.

We are grateful for receiving nominations from various courts, boards and committees of the denomination. The work of the Committee to Nominate Standing Committees involves finding additional potential committee members when nominees are too few or making thoughtful selections when there are many. We seek to complete our work “with discretion, fairness and balance” in accordance with our terms of reference. While not all nominees can be selected, we are truly thankful for all the gifted individuals who were willing to serve on the standing committees of the church. With gratitude to God for this widespread willingness across the denomination, we present the list below for 2020–2021.

OVERTURE NO. 5, 2019 (A&P 2019, p. 511)

Re: Committee to Nominate Terms of Reference

The Assembly Council received Overture No. 5, 2019 re the Committee to Nominate terms of reference and consulted with our committee. The committee concurs with the response as is found in their report.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2020-2021

The Committee to Nominate Standing Committees met twice this spring. The work of this committee has been altered this year in light of the decision to cancel the 2020 General Assembly due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 30, 2020, the committee met to review the plan regarding appointments for the standing committees that was outlined by the Clerks of Assembly. The committee then met on April 16 to arrange the following process for consulting current members and the standing committees in order to prepare the membership of the committees:

- The Committee to Nominate Standing Committees will ask those in their final year to continue for one more year.
- Members completing their first term will carry on to their second term unless the member does not wish a second term.
- In keeping with the church’s usual procedures, the committee will invite standing committees to fill any vacancies until the next General Assembly and offer to them any relevant nominations that have been submitted to help with this task. A convener may also be named by a committee if necessary.

A letter was sent to each committee listing those members who are willing to serve one more year and those who are willing to serve a second term. The committees were also informed that they could fill any vacancies that remained. Any nominations that were submitted this year were forwarded to the committees for their consideration. Each committee was to inform the Committee to Nominate by May 8 if any appointments were made in order for an interim report to be posted for the church.

The General Assembly decided that the membership of Committee on Church Doctrine be reduced to 15 members 2019 including representatives from the theological colleges. (A&P 2019, p. 258–59, 39) This reduction by attrition will see the corresponding member category eliminated along with one member in each member at large category. The membership for 2020–2021 reflects the start of this process.

The range of years provides the duration of an individual’s committee membership and the numeral (I or II) notes whether it is within a first or second three-year term. New nominations for 2020 are in bold print. Those being nominated as a re-appointment for a second term are in bold with two asterisks (**). This year, members who are willing to serve an extra year are in bold with one asterisk (*), noting that the regulation for a six year limit on membership (A&P 2012, p. 451) is suspended. The Moderator of the General Assembly is a member ex-officio of all Assembly standing committees per Book of Forms section 285.

The Committee to Nominate thanks God for the commitment and diligence of all who agree to serve on committees. In this spirit of gratitude and hope, we present the following slate membership until the 2021 General Assembly.

ASSEMBLY COUNCIL

9 Church-at-Large Members (3 year term, option for 2nd term)

Years	Name
2015–2021 (II)	Rev. Dr. David W. Sutherland, Rocky Harbour, NL
2018–2021 (I)	Rev. Bethany McCaffrey, Toronto, ON
2018–2021 (I)	Ms. Ann Patterson, Edmonton, AB
2019–2022 (I)	Rev. Cherie A. Inksetter, St. Catharines, ON
2019–2022 (I)	Rev. Geoffrey B. Jay, Surrey, BC
2019–2022 (I)	Mr. Peter A. Kinch, Toronto, ON
2017–2023 (II)	Rev. Germaine Lovelace, Malton, ON *
2017–2023 (II)	Ms. Barb Sargent, Chatham, ON **
2017–2023 (II)	Rev. John R. Wilson, Sault Ste. Marie, ON **

12 Presbytery Members (3 year term, option for 2nd term)

Years	Name and Presbytery
2017–2021 (II)	Mr. Brent B. Ellis, Dundas, ON (Dundas)
2018–2021 (I)	Rev. Jinsook Khang, Vaughan, ON (Eastern Han-Ca)
2018–2021 (I)	Ms. Linda Shaw, Simcoe, ON (Paris)
2016–2021 (II)	Rev. Jay Song, Weyburn, SK (Assiniboia)
2016–2022 (II)	Ms. Sandra Cameron Evans, Calgary, AB (Calgary-Macleod) (convener)
2016–2022 (II)	Mr. David Jennings, North Vancouver, BC (Westminster)
2016–2022 (II)	Rev. Robert J. Murray, Pinawa, MB (Winnipeg)
2016–2022 (II)	Rev. Dr. John-Peter C. Smit, Toronto, ON (West Toronto)
2014–2021 (II)	Ms. Carol Stymiest, Miramichi, NB (New Brunswick) *
2014–2021 (II)	Ms. Cheryl Weeks, Montague Gold Mines, NS (Halifax & Lunenburg) *
2014–2021 (II)	Rev. T. Hugh Donnelly, Waterloo, ON (Waterloo-Wellington) *
2020–2023 (I)	Ms. Brenda Butler, New Glasgow, NS (Pictou)

Ex-officio – voting – 4 members

President of Atlantic Mission Society or designate
 President of Women's Missionary Society or designate
 Convener of Life and Mission Agency Committee
 Moderator of the General Assembly

Ex-officio – non-voting – 4 members

Principal Clerk, General Assembly
 General Secretary, Life and Mission Agency
 Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer
 One of the Heads of the Colleges

CHURCH DOCTRINE COMMITTEE

13 Members and 4 Corresponding Members (3 year term, option for 2nd term)

Years	Name
2015–2021 (II)	Rev. Mark Chiang, Edmonton, AB
2015–2021 (II)	Dr. Alexandra Johnston, Toronto, ON
2018–2021 (I)	Rev. Wally (Won-Hong) Hong, Niagara Falls, ON (convener)
2018–2021 (I)	Rev. Munhyun Ryu, Vancouver, BC
2016–2022 (II)	Rev. M. Helen Smith, Toronto, ON
2019–2022 (I)	Rev. Bradford E. Blaikie, Summerside, PE
2019–2022 (I)	Ms. Catherine Cook, Riverview, NB
2019–2022 (I)	Rev. Jeremy Bellsmith, Nanaimo, BC
2019–2022 (I)	Rev. Peggy Kipfer, Thornbury, ON
2018–2023 (II)	Rev. Dr. Heather J. Vais, Thornhill, ON **
2017–2023 (II)	Rev. Dr. Blair Bertrand, Puslinch, ON **

2017–2023 (II)	Rev. Dr. Nicholas Athanasiadis, Toronto, ON *
2016–2023 (II)	Rev. Karla Wubbenhorst, Guelph, ON
2018–2021 (I) cm	Dr. Mark A. Bowald, Brantford, ON
2018–2021 (I) cm	Rev. Dr. Jonathan Dent, Orleans, ON
2017–2022 (II) cm	Mr. Ross Bassingthwaighe, Kelowna, BC

“cm” = corresponding member

Ex-officio – 3 members

Representative, Presbyterian College
 Representative, Knox College
 Representative, St. Andrew's Hall/VST

ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

6 Members (3 year term, option for 2nd term)

Years	Name
2018–2021 (I)	Rev. Andrew J.R. Johnston, Kingston, ON
2018–2021 (I)	Rev. Shalini Rajack-Sankarial, Ajax, ON
2016–2022 (II)	Dr. Richard Allen, Toronto, ON
2019–2022 (I)	Rev. H. Kenneth Stright, Musquodoboit Harbour, NS
2017–2023 (II)	Rev. Matthew Sams, Thornhill, ON (convener) **
2020–2023 (II)	Rev. Marianne G. Emig Carr, Brockville, ON

Ex-officio – 2 members

Principal Clerk, General Assembly, or designate
 General Secretary of Life and Mission Agency, or designate

By Correspondence – 6 members

Representative to Canadian Council of Churches
 Delegate representative to last Council of Caribbean and North America Area Council of World Communion of Reformed Churches
 Delegate representative to last General Council of World Communion of Reformed Churches
 Delegate representative to last Assembly of World Council of Churches
 Representative from Women's Missionary Society

HISTORY COMMITTEE

6 Members (3 year term, option for 2nd term)

Years	Name
2018–2021 (I)	Rev. Jennifer L. Geddes, Comox, BC
2018–2021 (I)	Rev. Geoffrey M. Ross, Brampton, ON (convener)
2019–2022 (I)	Mr. David Mawhinney, Sackville, NB
2019–2022 (I)	Rev. Janet Taylor, Edmonton, AB
2016–2023 (II)	Mr. Scott MacDonald, Stratford, PE **
2020–2023 (I)	Rev. Dr. M. Beth McCutcheon, Toronto, ON

By Correspondence

8 synod conveners

Ex-officio – 6 members

Professor of History, Knox College
 Professor of History, The Presbyterian College
 Professor of History, Vancouver School of Theology
 Archivist/Records Administrator
 Assistant Archivist
 Curator of National Presbyterian Museum

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**6 Members (3 year term, option for 2nd term)**

Years		Name
2017–2021	(II)	Rev. Erin Chong-Sun Ko, Toronto, ON
2018–2021	(I)	Rev. Jacob Lee, St. Catharines, ON
2019–2022	(I)	Ms. Mary Kyei, Saskatoon, SK
2019–2022	(I)	Ms. Amy Zawitz, Waterloo, ON
2017–2023	(II)	Rev. Boghos Barbouri, Toronto, ON (convener) **
2017–2023	(II)	Mr. W. Wayne Barchard, Elmsdale, NS **

Ex-officio – 7 members

Five persons appointed by Life and Mission Agency
 Representative of Atlantic Mission Society
 Representative of Women's Missionary Society

LIFE AND MISSION AGENCY COMMITTEE**12 Members (3 year term, option for 2nd term)**

Years		Name
2015–2021	(II)	Ms. Vivian Ketchum, Winnipeg, MB
2018–2021	(I)	Rev. Cheryl G. MacFadyen, St. Stephen, NB
2015–2021	(II)	Dr. Jo Szostak, Regina, SK
2020–2021	(I)	Rev. Amanda Currie, Regina, SK (filling appointment for 1 year)
2019–2022	(I)	Rev. Charles S. Cook, Riverview, NB
2016–2022	(II)	Rev. Jeffrey R. Lackie, Medicine Hat, AB)
2019–2022	(I)	Ms. Donna McIlveen, Johnstown, ON
2016–2022	(II)	Ms. Cindy Stephenson, Calgary, AB (convener)
2017–2023	(II)	Rev. Sampson Afoakwah, Montreal West, QC **
2017–2023	(II)	Ms. Marion Lade, Comox, BC **
2017–2023	(II)	Rev. Allyson A. Macleod, Sutton West, ON **
2015–2022	(II)	Mr. R. Aubrey Hawton, Oro-Medonte, ON **

Assembly Council Appointments – 2 members

Two members of the Assembly Council

Ex-officio – 4 members

Appointee of the Women's Missionary Society
 Appointee of the Atlantic Mission Society
 Appointee of the Presbyterian World Service and Development

MACLEAN ESTATE COMMITTEE**12 Members (3 year term, option for 2nd term)**

Years		Name
2015–2021	(II)	Ms. Moira Forbes, Burlington, ON
2015–2021	(II)	Mr. David Phillips, Uxbridge, ON (convener)
2018–2021	(I)	Rev. Neil Ellis, Cobourg, ON
2018–2021	(I)	Rev. Scott Sinclair, Elmira, ON
2019–2022	(I)	Ms. Jessica Foy, Hamilton, ON
2019–2022	(I)	Mr. Neville Jackson, Puslinch, ON
2019–2022	(I)	Mr. Michael Lemiski, Mississauga, ON
2019–2022	(I)	Rev. Mark R. McLennan, Woodstock, ON
2015–2022	(II)	Ms. Ann Wilson, Guelph, ON **
2017–2023	(II)	Rev. Dr. Herb F. Gale, Guelph, ON **
2013–2021	(II)	Rev. Kathy A. Fraser, Kincardine, ON *
2020–2023	(I)	Mr. Ian Buchanan, London, ON

COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES**9 Members (named by synods and based upon a 3 year rotation)**

Years	Name and Synod
2017–2021	Mr. Stephen MacKay, Fredericton, NB (The Atlantic Provinces)
2017–2021	Rev. James T. Hurd, Ottawa, ON (Quebec and Eastern Ontario)
2017–2021	Rev. Jonathan Dennis, Tottenham, ON (convener) (Central, Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda)
2018–2021	Mr. Spencer Hanson, Saskatoon, SK (Saskatchewan)
2018–2021	Rev. Dr. Nancy L. Cocks, Medicine Hat, AB (Alberta and the Northwest)
2018–2021	Ms. Margaret Peacock, Armstrong, BC (British Columbia)
2019–2022	Rev. Dr. Charlene E. Wilson, Sault Ste. Marie, ON (Central, Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda)
2019–2022	Ms. Jill Rickwood, Brantford, ON (Southwestern Ontario)
2019–2022	Rev. Joyce A. Yanishewski, Thunder Bay, ON (Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario)

PENSION AND BENEFITS BOARD**9 Members (3 year term, option for 2nd term)**

Years	Name
2015–2021 (II)	Ms. Ingrid Chingcuanco, Toronto, ON
2018–2021 (I)	Mr. David Barber, Toronto, ON
2018–2021 (I)	Rev. Harry J. Currie, Edmonton, AB
2016–2022 (II)	Mr. John Bonnell, Halifax, NS
2019–2022 (I)	Mr. Dan Philips, Calgary, AB
2019–2022 (I)	Mr. J.C. Mackenzie (Mac) Smith, Toronto, ON
2017–2023 (II)	Rev. Corrie Stewart, North River Bridge, NS **
2014–2021 (II)	Rev. J. Cameron Bigelow, Orillia, ON (convener) *
2014–2021 (II)	Ms. Ann R. Hysert, Merrickville, ON *

Ex-officio – 2 members

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer
Convener of Trustee Board, or alternate

TRUSTEE BOARD

15 Members (no less than 7 and no more than 15, of whom 3 are ex officio; 6 year term)

Years	Name
2014–2021	Mr. Richard Anderson, Eckville, AB *
2015–2021	Mr. Bruce Templeton, Outer Cove, NL
2016–2022	Mr. Peter McDougall, St. Lambert, QC
2016–2022	Mr. Abel Pandy, Thornhill, ON
2016–2022	Ms. Kathleen Boose, Georgetown, ON
2016–2022	Mr. Rick Johnston, Toronto, ON (convener)
2017–2023	Dr. Margaret Ogilvie, Ottawa, ON
2018–2024	Ms. Lori Ransom, Toronto, ON
2019–2025	Rev. Peter Bush, Winnipeg, MB
2019–2025	Mr. Donald Chu, Toronto, ON
2019–2025	Mr. Douglas A. Wall, Mississauga, ON
2020–2021	Rev. J. Cameron Bigelow (convener of Pension and Benefits Board)

Ex-officio – 3 members

Principal Clerk, General Assembly
 Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer
 Convener of Assembly Council

KNOX COLLEGE, GOVERNING BOARD**15 Members (3 year term, option for 2nd term)**

Years		Name
2018–2021	(I)	Rev. Dr. Richard W. Fee, Toronto, ON
2018–2021	(I)	Rev. Dr. J.P. (Ian) Morrison, Toronto, ON
2018–2021	(I)	Rev. Linda Patton-Cowie, Orillia, ON
2018–2021	(I)	Mr. Randall Phillips, Toronto, ON (convener)
2016–2022	(II)	Rev. Angie Song, Toronto, ON
2017–2022	(II)	Rev. Janet A. DeWolfe, Toronto, ON
2018–2021	(I)	Rev. Jonathan W. Tait, Whitby, ON
2020–2022	(I)	Mr. Justice Agyemang, Mississauga, ON (filling appointment for 2 years)
2019–2022	(I)	Ms. Giffy Amofa, Brampton, ON
2019–2022	(I)	Mr. Garth Low, Toronto, ON
2017–2023	(II)	Ms. Carol E.F. Jackson, Toronto, ON **
2020–2023	(I)	Rev. Dr. Peter D. Coutts, Calgary, AB
2020–2023	(I)	Mr. Robert C. Hayashi, Aurora, ON
2020–2023	(I)	Mr. Mark McElwain, Toronto, ON
2020–2023	(I)	Ms. Kate K McLellan, Rothesay, NB

Ex-officio – 3 members

Principal
 One Faculty member
 One member of Knox-Ewart Graduate Association

THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, BOARD OF GOVERNORS**12 Members (three year term, option for 2nd term)**

Years		Name
2015–2021	(II)	Mr. Jay Hewlin, Montreal, QC (convener)
2015–2021	(II)	Rev. Lydia E. MacKinnon, Marion Bridge, NS
2015–2021	(II)	Rev. Jill M. Turnbull, Smiths Falls, ON
2019–2021	(I)	Dr. Marilyn Scott, Vaudreuil-Dorion, QC (filling appointment for 1 year)
2016–2022	(II)	Ms. Sharon Dworzak, Laval, QC
2017–2022	(II)	Rev. Charles E. McPherson, Stellerton, NS
2019–2022	(I)	Rev. Katharine Burgess, Quebec City, QC
2019–2022	(I)	Rev. Dr. Cedric C. Pettigrew, Ottawa, ON
2017–2023	(II)	Ms. Joan Vogelesan, Montreal, QC **
2017–2023	(II)	Mr. Clayton Bartlett, Albert Bridge, NS **
2014–2021	(II)	Rev. Paul Wu, Montreal, QC *
2014–2021	(II)	Rev. Joel Coppieters, Montreal, QC *

Ex-officio – 5 members

Principal
 Director of Pastoral Studies
 One other Faculty Member
 Student Representative
 Representative, Graduates Association

ST. ANDREW'S HALL, BOARD

12 Members (three year term, option for 2nd term)

Years	Name
2015–2021 (II)	Rev. Dr. Gerard Booy, Delta, BC
2015–2021 (II)	Ms. J. Karen Dylla, Richmond, BC
2015–2021 (II)	Mr. Steve Norris, Vancouver, BC
2018–2021 (I)	Mr. Matthew Walton-Knight, North Vancouver, BC
2019–2022 (I)	Rev. Gwen D.T. Brown, Creston, BC
2019–2022 (I)	Dr. Victor Ling, Vancouver, BC
2018–2022 (II)	Rev. Ena van Zoeren, Salmon Arm, BC
2019–2022 (I)	Mr. Ron Zapp, New Westminster, BC
2017–2023 (II)	Rev. Dr. M. Jean Morris, Calgary, AB **
2017–2023 (II)	Mr. Stephen Roche, Thornhill, ON **
2015–2022 (II)	Mr. Ian Rokeby, New Westminster, BC (convener) **
2020–2023 (I)	Rev. John J. Paeng, Parksville, BC

Ex-officio – 3 members

Representative from Vancouver School of Theology
Principal, Vancouver School of Theology
Dean, St. Andrew's Hall

Recommendation No. 1 (will be presented in final report to the General Assembly)

APPRECIATION

Many members of the General Assembly standing committees whose terms would have ended this coming June are able and willing to serve for another year. A few individuals are not able to continue to serve in 2020–2021. The Committee to Nominate is grateful for the years they shared their gifts and time serving on a committee. Each retiring member receives a letter of appreciation from the General Assembly for their service with the denomination.

Recommendation No. 2 (will be presented in final report to the General Assembly)

2021 NOMINATIONS DEADLINE

The submission deadline for the 2021 nominations from sessions, presbyteries, synods and standing committees will be February 28, 2021.

Jonathan Dennis
Convener