

COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES

To the Venerable, the 149th General Assembly:

But each of us was given grace to the measure of Christ's gift...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.
(Ephesians 4:7; 12–13)

The purpose of the Committee to Nominate Standing Committees is to prepare a slate of names for the General Assembly of professing members and ministers/diaconal ministers willing to engage in the on-going work of our denomination through one of its standing committees. This allows for participation and representation in the conversations and decisions that influence the unfolding work of each standing committee. The mandates and tasks for these standing committees are varied in focus, but collectively the work accomplished is to the honour and glory of God, and for the strengthening and upbuilding of Christ's body in its witness in the world.

The terms of reference for the Committee to Nominate Standing Committees outlines an annual nomination process in which the whole church is called to participate. It is a privilege to receive the nominations of individuals and to learn of the tremendous depth and breadth of gifts, skills and experience represented in these nominations. It is an uplifting task, even overwhelming in a positive way, to review all the nominations received. The committee expresses its deep gratitude to all nominating bodies and to each individual who allowed their name to be nominated, regardless of being appointed to a standing committee or not.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR 2024–2025

The Committee to Nominate Standing Committees received nominations from sessions, presbyteries, a synod, and standing committees. Members whose first term concludes with this General Assembly and who are eligible to serve for more years up to a total of six years were invited to seek reappointment. The committee considered approximately 46 nominations and reappointments.

This year to aid in the nomination process the committee invited conveners of standing committees to submit a three-minute video about their committee and its work. These were posted on the church's website. The committee is grateful to the conveners who responded to this initial invitation. These videos have proven helpful, and it is hoped that this project will continue in the months to come with the remaining standing committees being represented.

In the committee's work, it sought to be mindful of the church's directive of inclusivity and diversity to be reflected in the membership of the standing committees. Changes were made to the 2024 nomination form and to the covering letter calling for nominations to keep this directive before the church at large in its discernment of potential nominees.

The committee considered all the nominations and reappointments at its spring meetings in early April. It met over three online sessions as it worked to provide a full slate of names for the Assembly. Below is the slate of nominees for the Assembly's consideration.

The range of years provides the duration of an individual's committee membership, The Roman numeral (I or II) notes whether it is within a first or second three-year term. New nominations for 2024–2027 are in bold print. Those individuals being nominated as a reappointment for another term are in bold with two number signs (##). The Moderator of the General Assembly is a member ex-officio of all Assembly standing committees per Book of Forms 285.

This year, the membership list will not include the honorifics. Lay members are identified with * and ministers/diaconal ministers with **.

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 this year's slate of nominees.

ASSEMBLY COUNCIL

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

Years	Name
2019–2025 (II)	Cherie A. Inksetter, St. Catharines, ON (convener) **
2019–2025 (II)	Peter A. Kinch, Toronto, ON *
2022–2025 (I)	Daniel W. Cho, Toronto, ON **
2023–2026 (I)	John Keshwah, Brampton, ON *
2023–2026 (I)	Shalini Rajack-Sankarlal, Windsor, ON **
2023–2026 (I)	Cindy Perks, Vernon, BC *
2021–2027 (II)	Jeffrey M. Murray, Sackville, NB. ** ##
2021–2027 (II)	Diane Reader Jones, Burlington, ON * ##
2023–2027 (II)	Peter Rombeek, Montreal, PQ ** ##

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

Years	Name and Presbytery
2022–2025 (I)	Martha Ferguson, Saskatoon, SK (Northern Saskatchewan) *
2022–2025 (I)	Paul D. Johnston, Arnprior, ON (Lanark & Renfrew) **
2022–2025 (I)	Patrick O'Brien, Puslinch, ON (Waterloo-Wellington) *
2024–2025 (I)	Alexander Wilson, Scarborough, ON (Pickering) ** (for 1 year)
2020–2026 (II)	Brenda Butler, New Glasgow, NS (Pictou) *
2021–2026 (II)	John C. Borthwick, Guelph, ON (Waterloo-Wellington) **
2023–2026 (I)	Martin Baxter, North Vancouver, BC (Westminster) **
2023–2026 (I)	William J. Ball, Edmonton, AB (Edmonton-Lakeland) **
2021–2027 (II)	Jennifer L. Cameron, Belleville, ON (Kingston) ** ##
2024–2027 (I)	Stephen Kwon, Mississauga, ON (Eastern Han-Ca) **
2024–2027 (I)	Audrey Cole, Calgary, AB (Calgary-MacLeod) *
2024–2027 (I)	Janet Simpson, Winnipeg, MB * (Winnipeg) *

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

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

Years	Name
2019–2025 (II)	Jeremy Bellsmith, Nanaimo, BC **
2019–2025 (II)	Bradford E. Blaikie, Summerside, PE **
2022–2025 (I)	Mark A. Tremblay, Calgary, AB **
2022–2025 (I)	J. Andrew Fullerton, London, ON **
2020–2026 (II)	Lela Burt, London, ON *
2023–2026 (I)	Dillon Hausauer, Lethbridge, AB *
2023–2026 (I)	Nicole Lingren, Saskatoon, SK *
2023–2026 (I)	Jonathan Kwon, Vancouver, BC **
2021–2027 (II)	Huda Kandalaft, Ottawa, ON * ##
2024–2027 (I)	John J. Crawford, Saint John, NB **
2024–2027 (I)	Lorraine Buck, Brockville, ON *
2024–2027 (I)	Stephen Jackson, Toronto, ON *

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
2019–2025	(II)	H. Kenneth Stright, West Petpeswick, NS **
2022–2025	(I)	Heather Bryant, Calgary, AB *
2020–2026	(II)	Marianne G. Emig-Carr, Brockville, ON **
2023–2026	(I)	Rueben St. A. Louis, Elmira, ON **
2021–2027	(II)	Laura-Lee Campbell, Guelph, ON * (convener) ##
2024–2027	(I)	Bonnie Langille, Bigney, NS **

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
2019–2025	(II)	David Mawhinney, Sackville, NB *
2019–2025	(II)	Janet Taylor, Edmonton, AB ** (convener)
2023–2026	(I)	Don Burnard, Sarnia, ON *
2024–2026	(I)	Robert Dean, Otterburne, MB * (for 2 years)
2024–2027	(I)	Marion Hannaford, Kamloops, BC *
2024–2027	(I)	Bruce MacDonald Boyes, Oro Medonte, ON *

By Correspondence

Eight 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 and Convener of Presbyterian Heritage Centre

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

Years		Name
2022–2025	(I)	Jin Woo Kim, Calgary, AB **
2022–2025	(I)	Monika Berezcki-Farkas, Cambridge, ON **

2023–2026	(I)	M. Beth McCutcheon, Toronto, ON **
2023–2026	(I)	Matthew Vyse, Calgary, AB *
2021–2027	(II)	Charmila Ireland, Listowel, ON ** (convener) ##
2024–2027	(I)	Robyn Ahn, Barrie, ON *

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; one of whom is Indigenous)**

Years		Name
2019–2025	(II)	Donna McIlveen, Johnstown, ON (convener) **
2022–2025	(I)	Karen Abboud, Ottawa, ON *
2022–2025	(I)	Kirk Dunn, Toronto, ON *
2022–2025	(I)	Brian Neilson, Sackville, NB *
2020–2026	(II)	Amanda Currie, Regina, SK **
2023–2026	(I)	Markus Arseneault, Thunder Bay, ON **
2023–2026	(I)	Donghwi (David) Son, London, ON **
2023–2026	(I)	Christian Persaud, Calgary, AB **
2021–2027	(II)	John Barret, Charlottetown, PE * ##
2021–2027	(II)	Sue Senior, Waterloo, ON * ##
2024–2027	(I)	Enjei Achah, River John, NS **
2021–2027	(II)	Yvonne Bearbull (National Indigenous Ministries Council) *

Assembly Council Appointments – 2 members

Two members of the Assembly Council

Ex-officio – 3 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
2019–2025	(II)	Jessica Foy, Hamilton, ON *
2019–2025	(II)	Michael Lemiski, Mississauga, ON *
2022–2025	(I)	Steven Marsh, Cambridge, ON *
2024–2025	(I)	Gale Macdonald, Mississauga, ON ** (for 1 year)
2020–2026	(II)	Ian Buchanan, London, ON *
2022–2026	(II)	Kim Oliver, Toronto, ON *
2023–2026	(I)	Dave Nanderan, Waterdown, ON *
2023–2026	(I)	Edward Charlton, Winchester, ON **
2024–2027	(I)	Ernie A. Naylor, Listowel, ON ** (convener)
2024–2027	(I)	Herbert E. Hilder, London, ON **
2024–2027	(I)	Susan Morley, Brampton, ON *
2024–2027	(I)	Trevor Van Nest, Niagara Falls, ON *

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS MINISTRIES COUNCIL

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

Years	Name
2022–2025 (I)	John Carr, Vancouver, BC *
2022–2025 (I)	Cathy Lindsay, Kenora, ON *

Ex-Officio – 1 representative and director/minister from each Indigenous Ministries

Cedar Tree Ministries
Edmonton Urban Native Ministry
Hummingbird Ministries
Mistawasis Memorial Church
Kenora Fellowship Centre
Place of Hope Indigenous Church
Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry
Winnipeg Inner City Missions

COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES

9 Members (named by synods and based upon a 3 year rotation)

Years	Name and Synod
2022–2025	Donna Hagen, Saskatoon, SK ** (Saskatchewan)
2022–2025	John Chik, Calgary, AB * (Alberta and the Northwest)
2022–2025	Alfred Lee, Pitt Meadows, BC ** (British Columbia)
2023–2026	Colleen Walker, Englehart, ON * (Central Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda)
2023–2026	Susan K. Kerr, Burlington, ON ** (Southwestern Ontario)
2023–2026	Fred Dewsberry, Thunder Bay, ON * (Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario)
2024–2027	Lynne Allan, Grand Falls / Windsor, NF * (The Atlantic Provinces)
2024–2027	Shahzad Kandalaf, Ottawa, ON ** (Quebec and Eastern Ontario)
2024–2027	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
2019–2025 (II)	Dan Philips, Calgary, AB *
2019–2025 (II)	J.C. Mackenzie (Mac) Smith, Toronto, ON *
2022–2025 (I)	Gregory Dickson, New Glasgow, NS **
2020–2026 (II)	Joanne Stewart, Toronto, ON *
2023–2026 (I)	Alissa Ramcharran, Brampton, ON *
2024–2026 (I)	Ingrid Chinguanco, Toronto, ON * (for 2 years)
2021–2027 (II)	Donald Walcot, Montreal, PQ * (convener) ##
2021–2027 (II)	Karen Dimock, Ottawa, ON ** ##
2024–2027 (I)	Dolly Forcade, Calgary, AB *

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
2019–2025	Peter G. Bush, Fergus, ON (convener) **
2019–2025	Donald Chu, Toronto, ON *
2019–2025	Douglas A. Wall, Mississauga, ON *
2021–2027	R. Ian Shaw, Simcoe, ON **
2021–2027	Elizabeth A. Speers, Toronto, ON *
2022–2028	E. Brooke Ashfield, Waterloo, ON **
2022–2028	William B. Collier, Ajax, ON *
2022–2028	Murray MacDonald, Stillwater Lake, NS *
2023–2024	Donald T. Walcot, Montreal, QC (convener of Pension and Benefits Board) *
2023–2029	W. Corrie Stewart, Sydney Mines, NS **
2024–2030	Peter. B. Hambly, Waterloo, ON *
2024–2030	Richard Kang, Toronto, ON *

Ex-officio – 3 members

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

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

Years	Name
2019–2025 (II)	Gifty Amofa, Brampton, ON *
2019–2025 (II)	Garth Low, Toronto, ON *
2022–2025 (I)	Candace T. Grant, Toronto, ON * (convener)
2022–2025 (I)	Kenneth W. Campbell, Toronto, ON *
2022–2025 (I)	Simon Park, Toronto, ON **
2020–2026 (I)	Robert Hayashi, Aurora, ON **
2020–2026 (II)	Peter D. Coutts, Calgary, AB **
2020–2026 (II)	Kate McLellan, Rothesay, NB *
2023–2026 (I)	Robert Beattie, Toronto, ON *
2023–2026 (I)	Ian McLean, Waterloo, ON *
2021–2027 (II)	Michael Nettleton, Toronto, ON * ##
2024–2027 (I)	Susie Choi, Mississauga, ON *
2024–2027 (I)	Daniel D. Scott, Bradford, ON **
2024–2027 (I)	Mary Jo Walker, Toronto, ON *
2024–2027 (I)	Bruce Wilson, Guelph, On *

Ex-officio – 3 members

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

THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, BOARD OF GOVERNORS**12 Members (3 year term, option for 2nd term)**

Years	Name
2019–2025 (II)	Katherine Burgess, Quebec City, QC **
2019–2025 (II)	Marilyn Scott, Fredericton, NB *(convener)
2022–2025 (I)	David Clark, London, ON **
2022–2025 (I)	Rose Mbenoun, Montreal, QC *
2020–2026 (II)	Denise Allen-Macartney, Ottawa, ON **
2023–2026 (I)	Paul Mkandawire, Ottawa, QC *

2023–2026	(I)	Yaw Nyampong, Laval, QC *
2023–2026	(I)	Paul Wu, Ottawa, ON *
2023–2027	(II)	Gina Farnell, Quebec City, PQ * ##
2023–2027	(II)	Glenn Fox, Rockwood, ON * ##
2024–2027	(II)	Nigel Parker, Sherbrooke, PQ **
2024–2027	(II)	Margarita Ibanez Medina, Montreal, PQ *

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 (3 year term, option for 2nd term)**

Years		Name
2019–2025	(II)	Gwen D.T. Brown, Vernon, BC (convener) **
2019–2025	(II)	Victor Ling, Vancouver, BC *
2019–2025	(II)	Ron Zapp, New Westminster, BC *
2022–2025	(I)	Tim Herron, Thornhill, ON *
2000–2026	(II)	Joseph Bae, Thornhill, ON **
2023–2026	(I)	Mary Jesse, Regina, SK *
2023–2026	(I)	Elaine Wilson, Prince George, BC **
2023–2026	(I)	Barbara A. Piloow, Winnipeg, MB **
2021–2027	(II)	Mary Rozsa de Coquet, Calgary, AB * ##
2021–2027	(II)	Neil Singh, Surrey, BC * ##
2021–2027	(II)	Larry Yen, Vancouver, BC * ##
2024–2027	(I)	Andrew Yang, Maple, ON *

Ex-officio – 3 members

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

Recommendation NOM-001

That the above be the membership of the standing committees of the General Assembly for 2024–2025.

APPRECIATION**Membership Completed**

Each year, there are members who complete their term of service on a standing committee, either after six years or in some cases a shorter term. Each retiring member receives a letter of appreciation from the General Assembly for sharing their time and gifts with the denomination through their work on a standing committee of the Assembly.

Recommendation NOM-002

That thanks be expressed to those members of a standing committee whose service concludes with this General Assembly.

Committee to Nominate Standing Committee Resigning and Retiring Members

During the year two members submitted their resignation: Mike Burns (Southwestern Ontario) and Gordon McCutcheon (Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario). The committee is grateful for their contribution to the on-going work of the committee during the past year. At the request of the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario, Dan Seekings stepped in for Gordon Walford on an interim basis due to a sudden health challenge for Gordon. Thanks are expressed to Dan for his willingness to serve in this interim capacity.

The membership terms for Marion Barclay (Atlantic Provinces), Gordon Walford (Quebec and Eastern Ontario) and Leila Paugh (Southwestern Ontario) conclude with this Assembly. The committee has expressed appreciation to Marion Barclay who convened the committee these past two years. Each of them shared their knowledge of the church and offered guidance as they fulfilled the responsibilities of this committee. Gratitude is expressed for their dedicated service over these past three years.

2025 NOMINATIONS DEADLINE

The Committee to Nominates urges the courts of the church to consider the rich diversity of our denominational members in presenting the names of individuals to serve on the Assembly's standing committees. They are strengthened by the diversity of age, gender, ethnicity, work and life experiences, and gifts for ministry and mission.

The submission deadline for the 2025 nominations from sessions, presbyteries, synods and standing committees will be February 28, 2025.

Marion Barclay
Convener