

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE
NOMINATING COMMITTEE
TO THE FIFTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

The Nominating Committee of the General Assembly convened in Memphis, Tennessee, at the Renasant Convention Center, on Wednesday, June 14, 2023. Chairman RE Frank Cohee called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m. with prayer.

Members attending:

<u>Presbytery</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Class</u>
Arizona	TE Kelley Hand	2023
Ascension	TE Jared Nelson	2025
Blue Ridge	TE Stuart Pratt	2025
Catawba Valley	TE William Thrailkill	2024
Central Florida	TE Joseph L. Creech	2025
Central Indiana	TE Charles Anderson	2023
Chesapeake	RE Bradley James Chwastyk	2023
Chicago Metro	RE Don Kooy	2024
Evangel	RE Miles E. Gresham	2023
Fellowship	TE William Marshall	2025
Grace	TE John Franklin	2024
Great Lakes	RE Jerome Gorgon	2024
Gulf Coast	TE Dennis W. Shackelford	2025
Gulfstream	TE David Patrick Cassidy	2023
Heartland	TE Rick E. Franks	2024
Illiana	TE Alex Eppstein	2023
Iowa	TE Brian V. Janssen	2023
James River	TE J. Andrew Conrad	2025
Korean Northeastern	TE Hoochan Paul Lee	2024
Korean Southwest Orange County	TE James D. Suh	2024
Mississippi Valley	RE James Elkin	2024
Missouri	RE John Ranheim	2024
Nashville	RE John Bryant	2025
New Jersey	TE Stephen O'Neil	2023
New River	TE Michael VanDerLinden, Sec	2023
Northern California	TE Benjamin Kappers	2023
Northern Illinois	TE Justin Coverstone	2023
Northern New England	TE Per Almquist	2025
Northwest Georgia	TE Clif Daniell	2025
Ohio	TE Jacob Piland	2025
Ohio Valley	TE Larry C. Hoop	2025
Pacific	TE Kyle Wells	2024
Pacific Northwest	RE Micah Meeuwsen	2024

1 **TE Scott Winchester:** *Heritage Presbytery*. M.A. Reformed Theological Seminary. Business
 2 Manager for a large PCA church. Served as both Deacon and RE before ordination.
 3 Nominating committee for 5 years. Review of Session Records for Heritage Presbytery.
 4 Experienced and discerning bookkeeper, strategic thinker, and engaged servant.

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 6 **TE Richard Phillips:** *Calvary*. B. A. Economics, University of Michigan, 1982. M.B.A.,
 7 Strategic Management, Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, 1992.
 8 MDiv, Westminster Theological Seminary 1998, D. D., Greenville Presbyterian
 9 Theological Seminary, 2012. Senior Minister, Second Presbyterian Church, Greenville,
 10 SC. Currently serves on the boards of the *Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals*,
 11 *Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology*, *The Gospel Coalition*, and *Westminster*
 12 *Theological Seminary*. Formerly an Assistant Professor of Behavioral Studies and
 13 Leadership, United States Military Academy, West Point, 1992-1995.

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 15 **TE Mike Hearon:** *Savannah River Presbytery*. BA, Management Information System, N.
 16 Alabama University, 1983. M.Div, Birmingham Theological Seminary, 1999. D.Min.,
 17 Fuller Theological Seminary, 2012. Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Augusta,
 18 GA. Served at Briarwood Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, AL, 1983-1991. Founding
 19 staff member of Campus Outreach; Former Director of Campus Outreach International,
 20 2003-2008. Moderator, Savannah River Presbytery, 2022-2023. Member of PCA
 21 Nominating Committee, 2021. Served as a Committee of Commissioners, MTW
 22 (Chairman, 2022).

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 25 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COVENANT COLLEGE**

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 27 **Class of 2027**

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 29 **Nominating Committee Nominee** **Floor Nominee**
 30 TE Thurman Williams, Missouri TE Joe Cristman, Chicago Metro

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 32 **TE Thurman Williams:** *Missouri* MDiv Chesapeake Seminary, DMin Covenant Theological
 33 Seminary. Senior Pastor New City Fellowship-West End in St. Louis and Director of
 34 Homiletics at CTS. Former chair of MNA Permanent Committee. Husband to Evie, father
 35 of 4, one attending Covenant. His experience with ministry in minority communities
 36 meets a particular need on the board’s Student Development committee. Elder since 1998,
 37 TE since 2000.

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 39 **TE Joe Cristman:** *Chicago Metro*. B. S. Business, University of Illinois (Chicago), 2014.
 40 M. Div. Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 2017. Teaching Elder since 2017. Currently
 41 serving as a church planter in suburban Chicago, having previously pastored a
 42 congregation in the city of Chicago. Current moderator of the Chicago Metro Presbytery
 43 (CMP). Previously served as chairman of the Candidates and Credentials Committee of
 44 the CMP.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COVENANT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Class of 2027

Nominating Committee Nominee

TE Jimmy Agan, Metro Atlanta

Floor Nominee

TE Aldo Leon, South Florida

TE Jimmy Agan: *Metro Atlanta.* B.A. Philosophy, Clemson University, 1992; M.Div. Covenant Theological Seminary, 1995; Ph.D. New Testament Exegesis, Aberdeen University, 1999; Senior Pastor, Intown Community Church, Atlanta, GA; Professor of New Testament, Covenant Theological Seminary, 1997–1999, 2007–2015. Served as Director of the Homiletics Program at Covenant; Taught at Erskine Seminary; Advisory Board Member of Covenant Seminary, 2022; Advisory Board Member of Atlanta Collective; Member of Metro Atlanta Presbytery Examining Committee; Past Member and Chairman of Examining Committee for Calvary Presbytery; Past Member of Examining Committee for General Assembly.

TE Aldo Leon: *South Florida* M.Div. Master's Seminary and Southern Baptist Seminary, Th.M. Southern Baptist Seminary. Senior Pastor of Pinelands PCA. Served as theology professor for LAMP Seminary and MINTS Seminary. Served as church planting assessor for Acts 29 Network and taught on urban church planting.

COMMITTEE ON INTERCHURCH RELATIONS

Class of 2026

Nominating Committee Nominee

TE David Gilleran, Blue Ridge

Floor Nominee

TE Kenneth McHeard, Savannah River

TE David P. Gilleran: *Blue Ridge.* Stated Supply, Draper's Valley Presbyterian. Currently serving on IRC, class of 2023. While deployed in 2004-05, he served with and pastored soldiers from Bulgaria, Poland, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia Ukraine, Denmark, Netherlands, Japan, Philippines, and South Korea. Other ministry experience in Iraq and Kuwait. Other GA service: Various Committees of Commissioners (Standing Judicial Business, PCA Foundation, IRC); Review of Presbytery Records. Various Presbytery Committees (examination, leadership, CE). Forty-two years ministry experience; stated clerk of presbytery for the past twelve years.

TE Kenneth McHeard, *Savannah River,* Asst Pastor Christian Formation, FPC-Augusta, 2021-present Academic Dean, City View Seminary, 2023-present. PCA TE since 2006. GA Recording, 2017-present, RPR Committee, 2013-present, (officer, 2019-21). IRC CoC convened, 2022. Board of directions and President, Salvation Army, Schenectady, NY, 2007-19. Board of Directors, Mid-America, 2017-19.

COMMITTEE ON MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

Class of 2024

Nominating Committee Nominee

Vacant

Floor Nominee

RE Julian Battle, Savannah River

RE Lindsay Brooks, Philadelphia

RE Greg Hersey, Central Florida

Class of 2028

TE Jeremy Byrd, Great Lakes

TE Ronnie Garcia, Rocky Mountain

RE Julian Battle: serves as a ruling elder at First Presbyterian Church of Augusta. He's also vice-chair for the PCA Unity Fund Board and volunteers with African American Ministries, both are ministries of Mission to North America. RE Battle has previously served as a deacon, usher, and children's ministry volunteer at First Presbyterian. He's a graduate of Georgia Tech with a degree in electrical engineering. The husband of Mary Battle and the father of three kids. He has a heart and passion for serving the PCA beyond his local church. RE Battle will serve the MNA permanent committee faithfully.

RE Lindsay Brooks, Philadelphia Metro, elder at Crescent Valley Church. He is a former musician who has a passion for Christian apologetics. He serves on fraternal relations team for his presbytery. He's the founder of Philadelphians.com, a public theology and apologetics ministry.

RE Greg Hersey: Central Florida Presbytery. RE Greg Hersey serves as DOO Clerk of the Session and is a small group leader at Christ United Fellowship (PCA). He has served at Christ United Fellowship since its inception and eventual particularization. He is a man committed to Jesus, faithful to his wife, and zealous for the Lord's church. He is a gifted administrator, manager, and shepherd. His character, competencies, and commitment to the work of Christ's church make him a suitable nominee to the MNA Permanent Committee.

TE Jeremy Byrd. Great Lakes Presbytery. Bachelors, Missions and Biblical studies, Ambassador Baptist College. Masters, Birmingham Theological Seminary. D. Min (in progress) Church Multiplication and Revitalization. Birmingham Theological Seminary. Served on MNA Committee Great Lakes. Working with church plant in Ann Arbor, Detroit area, and Argentina. Currently pastors Christ Church at Ann Arbor.

TE Ronnie Garcia. Rocky Mountain Presbytery. B.S. United States Air Force Academy. M.S. University of Arkansas. MDiv. Covenant Seminary. Served with Briarwood Presbyterian Church for over 13 years planting the very first three PCA churches in Puerto Rico. Extensive knowledge in church planting having planted in both English and Spanish, working with various networks to include Western Church Planting Network (WCPN) and City to City Latin America. Currently serves as Senior Pastor at Denver Presbyterian Church.

COMMITTEE ON MISSION TO THE WORLD

Class of 2028

Nominating Committee Nominee

TE Joshua Rieger, Houston Metro

Floor Nominee

TE Kyle Hackman, Eastern Canada

Alternate

TE Tom Patton, Evangel

TE Rob Pacienza, South Florida

TE Joshua Rieger. Houston Metro. M. Div. Reformed Theological Seminary. US Naval Officer 7 years. Serving at First Presbyterian Church in Jackson, MS. Executive and Missions Minister. Called as a church planter with MTW England. Planted Hexham Presbyterian Church in Hexham, England. Helped Found Gospel Reformation: UK, providing ministry and support to UK churches. Active in the presbytery of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales, an MTW national partner in the UK. Helped oversee the planting of 12 congregations. Commissioner for the EPCEW to the European Council of Reformed Churches twice at their triannual meetings. Trustee and council member for Affinity (formerly the British Evangelical Council) for seven years. Served as the MTW Regional Director for the British Isles and Ireland in 2021-22. Currently serving as Senior Minister of Riverside Church, Beaumont, TX, coming off mission field to be near medical treatment for his wife.

TE Kyle Hackman: *Eastern Canada.* B.A. Intercultural Studies, Moody Bible Institute, 2007. M.Div. Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 2010. Served on Candidates and Credentials and RUF Committees for Eastern Canada Presbytery. Served on MTW Permanent Committee 2016-2021, Human Resources Sub-Committee. Pastoral internship in Leipzig, Germany; short-term trips to Mexico, Malawi, Czech Republic, and Germany. Assistant and then Associate Pastor, Grace Toronto Church, 2010-2017. Planted Christ Church, Toronto in 2017, particularized 2021. Pastored culturally diverse congregations in Chicago and Toronto.

TE Tom Patton. Evangel. BS Economics '82 from Georgia Southern M.Div '87 RTS Jackson. 8-years as an MTW church planting missionary in Chiba Japan - from 1988 to 1997. Served almost 25 years as the missions pastor in two PCA churches. Have traveled to quite a few of MTW's fields, participated in a number of MTW's Retreats and Missions Professional Forums: Served for many years on the presbytery MTW committee both In Central Florida Presbytery and in Evangel Presbytery. Serves as Missions Pastor at Oak Mountain Presbyterian.

TE Rob Pacienza: *South Florida.* Senior Pastor, Coral Ridge. 15 countries for missions: planted churches in Cuba, disaster relief in Asia & Central America, evangelism training for pastors on 4 continents. Knox Theological Seminary Board. GRN General Council. Founder, Institute for Faith & Culture. Presbytery Shepherding, Education committees. B.A., Samford. M.Div., Knox.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GENEVA BENEFITS

Class of 2027

Nominating Committee Nominee

RE Huey Townsend, Mississippi Valley

Floor Nominee

RE S.E. Cody Dick, Houston Metro

RE Huey Townsend: *Mississippi Valley*. B.B.A. Banking and Financial Accounting, University of Mississippi. Certified Public Accountant. Currently Chairman of the Board, Guaranty Bank & Trust Company; previously CEO and President. Experience administrating 401(k) plans, employee ownership plans, qualified and non-qualified retirement plans. Married to Laura with two children.

RE S. E. Cody Dick: *Houston Metro* Currently on Geneva Benefits Investments Committee where he helped to lead changes in the retirement plan over the last four years. Cody serves as Principal and Equity Analyst at the investment management firm of Fayez Sarofim in Houston. His prior work experience include Merrill Lynch as an investment banker. He holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF RIDGE HAVEN

Class of 2028

Nominating Committee Nominee

RE Tuan La, South Texas

Floor Nominee

RE Thomas A. "Tom" Cook Jr.,
Gulfstream

RE Tuan La: *South Texas*. Currently Director of Operations, Camp Eagle, Rocksprings TX (2016-present). Assistant Director, The Wild, Carolina Creek Christian Camps, Huntsville, TX (2014). Hosting Director, Twin Lakes Camp and Conference Center, Florence, MS (2005-2014); Summer Programing Director (2008-2014). All are Christian Camps. Other experience at Twin Lakes (2002-2005), Ridge Haven (2001), and Harvest Ministries (1999, 2000, 2003). Married to Paula, who also has experience in camping ministry.

RE Tom Cook, *Gulfstream Presbytery*. BA Presbyterian College. USC School of Law. Member at Seacrest PCA Delray, FL. Senior Vice President of Vacation Resorts Specialty Division of Brown & Brown Inc. West Palm Beach FL. Tom has served two terms on the board (class of '16, '21). Tom's expert knowledge of the insurance industry has been key in helping RH protect its assets and maintain best practices as a Christian ministry. Tom's prior experience with the board will be helpful during this time of transition with a new executive director. Tom combines a business mindedness with a heart for Christian ministry.

COMMITTEE ON REFORMED UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP

Alternate

Nominating Committee Nominee

Vacant

Floor Nominee

RE Jeremy Kath

RE Jeremy Kath: *Nashville Presbytery* B.A. Classical Studies, Vanderbilt University. M.A. Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology, University of California, Berkeley. 8 years Partner & Investment Advisor, Equitable Trust. Married 17 years, 3 children. Member, Covenant Presbyterian Church Nashville since 2009. Elder at Covenant Presbyterian Nashville since 2019. GA Commissioner in 2022. Supports RUF Ministers and Staff at Vanderbilt University, Nashville; Rhodes College, Memphis; University of California, Berkeley; Ole Miss University.

STANDING JUDICIAL COMMISSION

Class of 2027

Nominating Committee Nominee

TE Rhett Dodson, Ohio

RE John Maynard,

Floor Nominee

TE Charles McGowan, Nashville

RE Bruce Terrell, Metro New York

TE Rhett Dodson: *Ohio.* B.A. (Bible) and M.A. (Bible) and PhD. (Old Testament Interpretation) Bob Jones University; Special Student (Apologetics) Westminster Theological Seminary. Senior Pastor, Grace Presbyterian Church, Hudson, Ohio. Previously an alternate on the Theological Examining Committee; has served on numerous GA committees of commissioners, including Overtures, Interchurch Relations, and Ridge Haven. Serves on the Committee on Constitutional Business and Judicial Matters of Ohio Presbytery; moderator of Ohio Presbytery. Instructor and/or Adjunct Professor at Providence Theological Seminary, Geneva Reformed Seminary, and Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary. Multiple publications for Banner of Truth, Eerdmans, Reformed Heritage, and Ligonier.

TE Charles McGowan: *Nashville.* Served on SJC for last 25 years, being elected by six General Assemblies. B.A. Davidson, B.D. Columbia Seminary, D.D. King College. Pastored over 37 years: Chapel Woods Presbyterian Decatur, GA (1966–78), First Presbyterian Church, Dothan, AL (1978–1988), and Christ Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN (1988–2003). From 2003–08, served as president of Operation Andrew Group in Nashville, TN. Founded McGowan Search in 2008 helping local Reformed churches, especially those looking for pastors. Moderator of three Presbyteries and Moderator of the 24th General Assembly. Serves on Westminster Theological Seminary Board of Trustees.

1 **RE John Maynard:** *Central Florida.* Stanford University (Phi Beta Kappa); MBA,
2 University of Texas. Founder and CEO of a medical device distribution company. Has
3 served on Westminster Seminary Board of Trustees since 2002, as Vice-Chairman,
4 Chairman of Governance Committee, and member of Executive Committee. A GA
5 commissioner 10+ years; served on Overtures Committee five years. PCA Ruling Elder
6 since 1991, serving on Personnel, Finance, Pastor Search, Discipling and Building
7 committees; teaches Sunday School; conducts officer training. Served on Board of
8 Trustees of Geneva School (a classical Christian School). Married to Elise since 1977;
9 has four children, and 11 grandchildren.

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11 **RE Bruce Terrell:** *Metro New York* BSEd Georgia Southern; MEd University of Georgia;
12 RE in three churches for 33 years. Served SJC for 13 years. Served with MTW in several
13 capacities, the last nine of which as chief operating officer. Served as executive director
14 of Redeemer Pres in NYC. Moderator of 41st GA.