

**Nominating Committee Report
Presbytery of San Francisco
January 31, 2012**

FOR ACTION

- I. **MOTION:** The Nominating Committee moves that presbytery elect the following persons for the positions indicated:

Committee on Ministry, East Bay:

To Class of 2012:

Rev. Randy Young, MAL (Fuller staff)

To Class of 2014:

Elder Jonelle Crow, Bethel, San Leandro

Committee on Ministry, West Bay:

To Class of 2014:

Elder Martha Mertz, First Burlingame

Committee on Representation:

To Class of 2012:

Rev. Carmen Rosales, Iglesia de la Mision, San Francisco

To Class of 2014:

Elder Darlene Jones, Sojourner Truth, Richmond

Finance & Property Oversight:

To Class of 2014:

Elder Tony Montalvo, Primera Iglesia, Oakland

Permanent Judicial Commission:

To Class of 2017:

Rev. Ellen Rankin, MAL

Elder Mary Jane Gordon, Ingleside, San Francisco

Elder Esther Kim, LOPC

- II. **MOTION:** Elect Shannon Doering, LOPC, as Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the 220th General Assembly.

III. MOTION: Elect four Ruling Elder Commissioners, four Teaching Elder Commissioners, and one Ruling Elder Alternate Commissioner and one Teaching Elder Alternate Commissioner to the 220th General Assembly.

Background:

Our presbytery is entitled to send eight **commissioners to the 2012 General Assembly** in Pittsburgh, PA (four teaching elders and four ruling elders). The Nominating Committee followed the modified rotational guidelines (see Nominating 3-1 to 3-3), adopted by the Presbytery in 2005, to nominate eight Commissioners and two Alternates. Five additional candidates were nominated from the floor in November.

Election will be by written ballot, following the candidates' self-introductions. Alternates nominated by the Committee are included with other candidates; whichever elder in each group receives the fifth highest number of votes will be the Alternate. Information supplied by the candidates is also shown on [NOMINATING 2-1](#) to [2-10](#).

Candidates for Commissioner to the 220th General Assembly (2012) include:

Ruling Elders:

Elder Jonelle Crow, Bethel, San Leandro *
 Elder Miriam Dolin, Mission Bay, San Francisco
 Elder Joan Fong, Irvington, Fremont *
 Elder Steve Hatch, First Berkeley *
 Elder Ricardo Antonio Lopez, Latinos Unidos en Cristo, San Mateo
 Elder Allen Nickerson, First Concord
 Elder Nick Rasis, St Andrew, Pacifica
 Elder Lois Zollars, Community, Pittsburg

Teaching Elders:

Rev. David Brown, Calvary, San Francisco
 Rev. Jim Emerson, HR
 Rev. Mary Holder Naegeli, MAL *
 Rev. Kim Nelson, Lakeside, San Francisco
 Rev. Gregory Roth, Centerville, Fremont *
 Rev. Ed Sue, HR
 Rev. Anne Swanson, First San Leandro

* Floor nominees

Candidates for Commissioner to the 220th General Assembly

(The information below is supplied by the candidates and not edited by the Nominating Committee.)

Candidates for Ruling Elder Commissioner (we can elect four)

Jonelle Crow – Ruling Elder at Bethel Community PC, San Leandro:

Special Gifts/Skills: I believe that God has given me the gift of hospitality, creativity, sense of humor and the ability to balance numbers. My gifts/skills in the workplace include accounting and human resources. My gifts/skills in my personal life is floral and basket arrangements.

Work Experience: I have held my current position of 12 years with NIMS & Associates as an Accounting Manager. This position involves the day-to-day accounting and administrative operations of IT Computer Consultants Company. Prior to this position, I have worked since I was 16 all in businesses that required hospitality, accounting, customer service, administration and management skills.

Church Experience: I was baptized and received into membership of Bethel Community Presbyterian Church in San Leandro. The month after I joined, I attended my first transformation conference in Louisville and have since attended several church transformation conferences and gatherings. I am actively involved in Bethel's outreach and music teams. I currently serve as a Ruling Elder and have been a Treasurer for Bethel for 10 years. In addition, I have served on the Healthy Congregations Committee and subsequently the Task Force on Healthy Congregations. I currently serve on the New Church Development Administrative Commission, the Anne Penke Committee and the Presbytery Executive Search Committee.

Current Position with Bethel: Ruling Elder & Treasurer, With S.F. Presbytery: Administrative Commission on New Church Development and Member of the Executive Presbytery Search Committee, Anne Penke Committee

Past Involvement with S.F. Presbytery: Member of the Healthy Congregations Committee and Task Force

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Miriam Dolin – Ruling Elder at Mission Bay Community Church, San Francisco :**Special Gifts/Skills**

I am very organized and hard working. I bring a strong working knowledge of PC(USA) polity and institutional history, but also a flexibility to offer a fresh perspective. My energy and enthusiasm allow me to lead people. I am also technologically savvy and understand the inter-workings of social media.

Work Experience

I am a trained and credentialed high school history teacher. Beyond teaching, I have worked for a non-profit in the development office doing volunteer coordination. I have also worked at a church as the Director of Mission and Children. My passions for young people and social justice have led me down this path both professionally and in my non-work commitments.

Church Experience

I am a cradle Presbyterian. As a youth, I was moderator of our youth council and was ordained as an elder in high school. Also in high school I served on denomination task force to write curriculum and served on two planning teams for Montreat Youth Conferences and a Regional mission trip to Puerto Rico. In college I was the president of the PC(USA) student group. I have advised 4 different youth groups and am currently serving again on a Montreat Youth Conference planning team. Beyond youth work, I am currently a member of the GA Mid-Council Commission.

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Steve Hatch – Ruling Elder at First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley:

Special Gifts/Skills - Strategic planning, collaboration and teamwork, problem resolution, written and oral communication

Work Experience - Software system design and implementation, market analysis, strategic planning, business development, worldwide partner alliances

Church Experience - Elder in several churches, served on PNC for a Senior Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, led nominating committees, moderator of adult fellowship groups, moderator at church conferences and planning retreats. Elder Commissioner.

Current Position - Head of the Advisory Board for the Berkeley Christian Counselors

Past Involvement (see above for Church experience)

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Joan Fong – Ruling Elder at Irvington Presbyterian Church, Fremont (IPC):

Special Gifts/Skills Financial expertise / Community fundraiser

Work Experience 1994 - Present Jack Lee Fong Insurance Agency, Inc. - President
 2005 - Present Pan Pacific Bank - Director
 2000 - 2004 Alameda County Library Foundation - President
 1983 - 1993 Sun Microsystems - Sales Business Manager

Church Experience 1996 - Present IPC - Christian Education / Sunday School Teacher
 1996 - 2004 IPC - Logos Program Teacher / Coordinator
 1992 - 1994 Newark Presbyterian Church - Finance / Christian Education

Current Position 2011 - Present Presbytery - Detox Committee
 2011 - Present Presbytery - Gracious Dismissal Policy Review Team
 2011 - Present Insurance Board - Director representing PC(USA)
 2010 - Present Synod of the Pacific - Permanent Judicial Committee
 2009 - Present National Chinese Presbyterian Council – Sec’y / Treasurer
 2008 - Present General Assembly - Mission Development Resources Comm
 2008 - Present Northern California Asian Presbyterian Women - Secretary

Past Involvement 2006 - 2008 General Assembly - Stated Clerk Nominating Committee
 2005 - 2009 Presbytery - Structural Review Comm / Review Team Chair
 2004 - 2006 General Assembly - Presbytery of SF Commissioner
 2003 - 2008 Synod of the Pacific - Vice Moderator / Presbytery Commissioner
 1995 - 2000 Presbytery - Finance & Property Comm / Chair 1998 - 2000

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Allen Nickerson – Ruling Elder at First Presbyterian Church, Concord:

Special Gifts/Skills: Organization, listening, facilitating change, situational development

Work Experience : 30 + years in Human Resources and management

Church Experience: Deacon, member and vice moderator; Elder (Personnel Committee and Worship and Music), Presbyterian since 1974 in Southern, Central and Northern California and Delaware

Current Position: Elder, Worship and Music until 12/31, 2011; then Elder Nominating Committee

Past Involvement: Usher, sound booth operator, instrumental musician, church choirs

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Ricardo Antonio (Tony) Lopez – Ruling Elder (CLP) at Latinos Unidos en Cristo, San Mateo:**Church Experience**

Latinos Unidos en Cristo – San Mateo, CA 11/2011

Pastor's Assistant: Just appointed as a Pastor's Assistant by Session in November 2011.

Assisting the senior pastor in fulfilling his role as the primary spiritual leader, vision caster, pastor, and teacher of the church. Working closely with the Senior Pastor in giving direction to the discipleship strategy of our church. Be prepared to preach when called upon in our Sunday morning worship gatherings. Assisting the senior pastor with projects as requested. Participate in leading the church services as required.

Latinos Unidos en Cristo – San Mateo, CA. 03/2004 – Present

Commissioned Lay Pastor-Support the organizing pastor in many aspects of the congregation. Representing our church or ministry in different activities with other churches, non-profit organizations, and the community in general. Also, other responsibilities include preaching, leading bible studies, organizing/leading retreats, leading prayer services, and have also served as translator in bilingual services from English to Spanish and Spanish to English.

Latinos Unidos en Cristo – San Mateo, CA 01/2003 – Present

Sunday School Teacher-Presently teach youth ages 12-15 about the word of God. Work on age appropriate issues, and the importance of Christ in their lives. Also, organize monthly events for entire Sunday School Ministry. Participate in monthly planning meetings. In the past, also have taught children ages 5-11 depending on the need of the Sunday School Ministry. Classes have always been taught in Spanish and/or English.

First Presbyterian of Newark 10/2008-10/2010

Church, Sunday School, and the nursery program. In addition, planning and organizing summertime vacation bible school, mid-week programs, and other special programs (i.e. bowling night). Also training and supporting volunteers, planning/approving all curriculums and teaching materials. Also responsible for producing publications for communication and advertisement of programs, overseeing maintenance of Children's Ministry facilities and materials, updating the Children's section of the church's website, and providing direction and guidance to parents in the area of child development. I was also the link for Spanish speaking parents, outside organizations, and Mission trips contacts to Mexico.

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Nicholas Rasis – Ruling Elder at St. Andrew PC, Pacifica:

Special Gifts/Skills: Work well with other people, tend to listen to both sides of discussions before making decision

Work Experience: Currently construction splicer, AT&T (13 years); Manager Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park (6&1/2 years); field service technician/engineer for several companies (18 years)

Church Experience: Handbell choir; served on nominating committee and stewardship committee as both member and elder; attended 1st elders conference in Nashville, TN; mission trip to New Orleans to help rebuild homes; volunteer service at Westminster Woods church camp; in charge of church's latest directory committee; various work committees.

Current Position: Elder On Session, Alternate Delegate to Presbytery

Past Involvement: Committee On Ministry (5 Years)

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Lois Zollars – Ruling Elder at Community PC, Pittsburg:

Special Gifts/Skills: I have the ability to listen to all sides of an issue and prayerfully make a judgement of the situation. I have been a manager of personnel and a successful manager in a business setting.

Work Experience: Optical Archiving (data storage system for Credit Unions, installed and trained users), Food and Beverage Manager at San Francisco Opera House for 14 years.

Church Experience: Presbytery CPM Committee, Deacon, Elder, Church Treasurer, Personnel Committee, Choir member, Minister's wife for 45 years, 12 year member of weekly Bible Study group (critical and devotional)

Current Position: Presbytery CPM Committee, Personnel Committee, Choir member

Past Involvement: Church Treasurer for 5 years, Deacon,

Candidates for Teaching Elder Commissioner (we can elect four)**David Brown - Interim Associate Pastor, Calvary PC, San Francisco:**

Special Gifts/Skills: Intentional Presbyterian –Convert to Presbyterian theology and polity. Collaborative skills – Wide cross-cultural experience so to consider the experience of others, broad theological experience so to understand the thinking of others, collegial philosophy so to work with others; empathic listener. Analytical skills – Big-picture perspective, question-asker, how things fit together, theological, clarifier, practical.

Work Experience: Current position – Oversight of Christian Education with particular responsibility for adult education; Responsible for mission/evangelism ministry which includes mission giving budget and congregational involvement with mission partners; Development of interfaith relationships, particularly with Congregation Sherith Israel; Pastor for Jazz Worship. Prior position – Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church 7 years during which time I helped the congregation recover from devastating damage to the church sanctuary when the roof blew off in 2002. Also was instrumental in starting a very successful food pantry program.

Church Experience: Ordained Presbyterian Minister since 2002 serving Covenant Presbyterian Church 7+ years and Calvary Presbyterian Church 2 ½ years. Currently serve on COM (West Bay); served on Partnering and Serving Committee 2003-4. San Francisco Interfaith Council member. Baptist minister 1977-1988 serving and starting inner-city churches in Denver and Los Angeles.

Current Position: Interim Associate Pastor for Discipleship, Calvary PC, San Francisco

Past Involvement: The Edge Campus Ministry Board, 2003-9; Child Protection Social Worker/Supervisor, Denver, 1990-99

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James G. Emerson – Honorably Retired:

Special Gifts/Skills: Speaking, Counseling, Administration
Baton twirling (!)

Work Experience: 4 years- General Director, The Community Service Society of N.J.
2 yrs. President – San Francisco Theological Seminary
56 years – Pastor – Mt. Airy, Philadelphia (Asst. Pastor)
Forest Hills, New York
Bloomfield, N.J.
Denver, Colorado
San Francisco, CA

Current Position: Pastor Emeritus, Calvary Presbyterian Church, San Francisco

Past Involvement: Moderator – S.F. Presbytery, Denver Presbytery, Synod of the Rocky Mtns

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Gregory Roth - Pastor, Centerville PC, Fremont:

Gifts/Skills: Good Networker, average Preacher. Homeless advocate for twenty years. Led a non-profit housing development board to build and lease 850 apartments to homeless families. Historian: authored a history of Presbyterian church planting in California in the gold rush era. Work locally with the Afghan Coalition in building bridges of understanding between Christians and Muslims. Member of Interfaith Ministers Association, and City Serve Evangelical Pastors Network.

Work Experience: Pastor at Centerville Presbyterian Church 1996- present.

Church Experience: Presbytery committees: Committee on Ministry 2005-2009, Stewardship and Mission 1996-2000, Presbytery Engagement Team 2009-2010, General Assembly World Mission Dallas Continuation strategy committee, 2005-present. Pastor to Presbytery (Executive) search committee, 2011-2012

Current Position: Teaching Elder

Past Involvement: Attended many General Assembly meetings as Mission Network advocate.

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Mary Holder Naegeli – Member at Large:**Special Gifts/Skills**

Teaching (at seminary level and in the congregation), Presbyterian Polity and parliamentary procedure, fluent in PC-BIZ (GA business online), familiarity with GA processes (have attended and studied the reports in nine Assemblies since 1992), alertness in long meetings, music (singing and piano). My just-approved dissertation: “Reclaiming the Ministry of Teaching in the Missional Setting.”

Work Experience

Starting January 2012, The Presbyterian Coalition, Renewal Director (one-quarter time position)

2007 – present, Saint Matthew Lutheran Church (ELCA, with whom we are in full communion), teaching pastor (equivalent to ‘parish associate’) with additional interim responsibilities in pastoral care, preaching, and teaching through 2012.

2007 – present, Fuller Theological Seminary, adjunct instructor of Christian Formation & Discipleship, Preaching, and Missional Leadership.

1997 – 2006, First Presbyterian Church of Concord, Concord, CA; Senior Pastor.

1987 - 1997 Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, Moraga, CA; Associate Pastor for Adult Ministries.

PCUSA/Presbytery Experience

2009 – present, counsel for the complainants in remedial case *Parnell et al v San Francisco Presbytery*, now awaiting appeal (April, 2012) before the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission.

2004 – 2009, Presbytery of San Francisco Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

2002 – 2004, Presbytery of San Francisco Strategic Action Team; evaluating the processes and work of presbytery committees involved in congregational redevelopment and new church development,

1997 - 1999, Presbytery of San Francisco Committee on Ministry and Pensions.

1989 - 1992, Presbytery of San Francisco Mission Interpretation and Stewardship Committee; committee member and chair (91-92).

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Kim L. Nelson – Pastor, Lakeside PC, San Francisco:**Special Gifts/Skills:**

NCFOA (Northern California Football Official), CCS Championship Game Referee
 PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors) 1996-Present
 Volunteer Diver for the Monterey Bay Aquarium 1998-Present
 Restorative Justice Committee-Monterey County
 Past member (18 years) Medical Ethics Committee of Salinas Valley Memorial
 Hospital,
 Grand Teton National Park- Christian Ministry in the National Park-intern-1972
 Inter-Varsity Bible Study Dorm Leader-University of Redlands-1970-72
 Member of FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)

Work Experience:

Lakeside Presbyterian Church, San Francisco, CA 2005-Present
 Northminster Presbyterian Church, Salinas, CA 1980-2005
 First Presbyterian Church, Stockton, CA 1977-1980
 Short Hills Congregation Church, Short Hills, NJ seminary field assignment-1976-77
 Fort Street Presbyterian Church, Detroit, MI seminary intern-1975-1976

Church/Committee/Commissioner Experience:

2005-2007 Finance and Property Committee
 2004 Commissioner to G.A. Richmond, VA
 1993-2004 Committee on Ministry, San Jose Presbytery
 1996-1998 Commissioner to Synod of the Pacific
 1980-1986 Mission Committee-Stewardship Emphasis
 1977-1980 Committee on Preparation (formerly Candidates Committee)

Education:

1969-1973 University of Redlands, BS double major Physics and Religion
 1972-1973 Capenwray Bible School, England
 1973-1977 Princeton Theological Seminary, M.Div
 1982-1988 San Francisco Theological Seminary, D.Min.
 1988-1992 Additional studies in Bio-Ethics at Stanford Medical School

I am committed to the Presbyterian Church and the leading of God's Holy Spirit as we continue to be transformed. I also believe it is always appropriate "to exercise mutual forbearance toward each other." (G-1.0305)

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Ed Sue – Honorably Retired:

Special gifts/Skills: Architect

Work experience: Pastor, Architect, School Administrator

Church experience: Pastor in Thailand, Hong Kong

Current position: Retired

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Anne Amburgey Swanson - Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of San Leandro

Special Gifts/Skills: I am quite familiar with General Assembly, having worked there for a number of years as an Assistant to the Stated Clerk. I worked with the Youth Advisory Delegates for three years, and served as a Committee Assistant another couple of years. In 1984, I was elected to go to GA as a voting delegate. I have the organizational skills to prepare for General Assembly, and I feel comfortable with using a laptop for accessing information and voting on the floor of GA.

Work Experience: Upon graduation from college, I served for one year as the “Youth Consultant” for the Presbyterian Church USA in New York City. I worked in the national office of our church, and traveled around the country conducting youth ministry workshops and introducing various resources for ministry with youth. During my seminary years, I became an intern at FPC Burlingame and led junior high ministry, as well as starting a fellowship program for seniors. Upon graduation, I was ordained in Burlingame and served the next 12 years as Associate Pastor. In 1991, I was called to the First Presbyterian Church of San Leandro, and have been serving here since that time.

Church Experience: During my childhood/youth, I was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Tucson, AZ. I have served two churches in my 32 years of ordained ministry (First Presbyterian Burlingame and First Presbyterian San Leandro).

Current Position: Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of San Leandro

Past Involvement: I have served on the SF Presbytery Personnel Committee, Partnering and Resourcing Committee, and Committee on Preparation and have chaired each of these committees as well. I have also served as Presbytery Moderator and Vice-Moderator. I am currently serving on the SF Presbytery Investment Task Force, and I am on the Board of Directors of Kyros Ministry. I have also been very involved at Westminster Woods Conference Center over the years.

**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
PRESBYTERY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

**ADDENDUM TO PRESBYTERY STANDING RULES
APPROVED BY PRESBYTERY ON MAY 10, 2005
(Book of Order references and terminology revised per 2011-13 edition)**

General Assembly Commissioners

1. The Presbytery shall use a modified rotational nomination system for teaching elder (minister) and ruling elder commissioners to General Assembly.
 - 1.1 The Presbytery shall elect a total of eight commissioners and two alternates. The commissioners shall be four teaching elders and four ruling elders. The alternates shall be one teaching elder and one ruling elder.
 - 1.2 A teaching elder and ruling elder from the same church may not be elected.
2. The following process shall be used for the nomination of teaching elders:
 - 2.1 Four teaching elder commissioners and one teaching elder alternate shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee.
 - 2.2 A rotational roll of teaching elders who are members of this Presbytery shall be maintained by the Presbytery office staff. A teaching elder's position on the rotational roll shall be determined by the following guidelines:
 - 1) Date of ordination or transfer into the Presbyterian Church (USA), from earliest to most recent; if a tie exists, date of earliest entrance into the Presbytery shall prevail.
 - 2) Date of last attendance as a commissioner to the General Assembly, from earliest to most recent: these teaching elders shall always make up the bottom of the roll.
 - 3) Newly ordained teaching elders will immediately be added to the bottom of the rotational roll, ahead of those who have already served as commissioners.
 - 2.3 Eligible teaching elders shall be active in the work of the Presbytery and meet one or more of the following conditions:
 - 1) Attendance at three meetings of Presbytery in each of the three preceding years.
 - 2) Current or recent service on a committee of Presbytery.
 - 3) Current or recent service to a higher body of the church.
 - 2.4 Two teaching elder nominees for commissioner shall come from the top of the rotational roll; the other two shall come from the entire roll of teaching elders to meet requirements on representation (F-1.0403).

- 2.4.1 At least two of the four nominees for commissioner shall be serving as parish pastors.
 - 2.5 The next eligible teaching elder from the top of the rotational roll shall be nominated as an alternate.
 - 2.6 Any teaching elder elected moves to the bottom of the rotational roll.
 - 2.7 If a nominee fails to be elected because additional nominations are made from the floor, that nominee shall be eligible for nomination again for the next General Assembly.
 - 2.8 If a teaching elder twice fails to be eligible, fails to be elected, or is elected and declines to attend (or any combination of the above), the teaching elder shall be placed at the bottom of the rotational roll.
3. The following process shall be used for the nomination of ruling elders:
- 3.1 Four ruling elder commissioners and one ruling elder alternate shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee.
 - 3.2 A rotational roll of congregations shall be maintained by the Presbytery office staff. A congregation's position on the rotational roll shall be determined by the following guidelines:
 - 1) Date of organization as a member congregation of the Presbytery, from earliest to most recent.
 - 2) Date of last attendance of a ruling elder as a commissioner from that congregation to the General Assembly; congregations that have a ruling elder attend as commissioner will automatically be placed at the bottom of the rotational roll.
 - 3) New congregations will immediately be added to the very bottom of the rotational roll.
 - 3.3 The Nominating Committee will contact eligible congregations and ask them to submit names of eligible candidates.
 - 3.4 Eligible congregations are those that are participating in the mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and have been represented at the Presbytery by a commissioner at a minimum of three Presbytery meetings in the preceding calendar year.
 - 3.5 Two congregations shall come from the top of the rotational roll; the other two shall come from the entire roll of congregations to help meet current General Assembly requirements on representation (F-1.0403).
 - 3.6 The next eligible congregation from the top of the rotational roll shall be nominated as an alternate.
 - 3.7 Eligible ruling elder nominees shall have been active in the work of the Presbytery and sometime during the last three years shall have served in one or more of the following:

- 1) As a commissioner to Presbytery.
 - 2) On a Presbytery Committee.
 - 3) On a higher governing body of the church.
- 3.8 Any congregation with an elected commissioner shall be placed at the bottom of the rotational roll.
- 3.9 If a nominee fails to be elected because additional nominations are made from the floor, that nominee's congregation shall be eligible for nomination again for the next General Assembly.
- 3.10 If a congregation twice fails to be eligible, fails to nominate a ruling elder commissioner, fails to be elected, or its elected ruling elder commissioner declines to attend (or any combination of the above), it shall be placed at the bottom of the rotational roll.
4. Presbytery shall have at least one racial/ethnic commissioner to General Assembly.
- 4.1 If all of the racial/ethnic commissioners elected are unable to attend, and the alternate for an empty position is not racial/ethnic, Presbytery shall elect at least one new racial/ethnic commissioner to fill an empty position.
5. Election of Commissioners to General Assembly shall be held as follows:
- 5.1 Nominations shall be made at the November Presbytery meeting preceding General Assembly.
- 5.1.1 The call to the November Presbytery meeting shall include the list of nominees.
- 5.1.2 Nominees shall be introduced to Presbytery at this meeting.
- 5.1.3 Nominations from the floor will be accepted at this meeting, and then nominations shall be closed.
- 5.2 Election of commissioners shall take place at the January Presbytery meeting preceding General Assembly.
- 5.2.1 The call to the January Presbytery meeting shall include the list of nominees and a brief statement of each nominee's church and Presbytery responsibilities.
- 5.2.2 Nominees shall be introduced to Presbytery again at this meeting.
- 5.2.3 If there have been no nominations from the floor, a unanimous ballot shall be cast for commissioners and alternates.
- 5.2.4 If there are more than four teaching elders or four ruling elders nominated, the election shall be by written ballot. The four persons in each category with the most votes shall be elected as commissioners and the person with the next highest number of votes cast shall be the alternate.