



EPC

A Global Movement of Evangelical Presbyterian Churches

COMMITTEE REPORT

Nominating Committee
Report to the 38th General Assembly



Cathy Burkholder
Chair

Summary of Work, 2017-2018:

1. Nominating Committee members met on March 16, 2018 in Orlando, FL. Action items were as follows:
 - Nomination of the Moderator and Moderator-elect for 2018
 - Review of committee vacancies and needs of various committees
 - Nominations for various permanent committees conducted with vast majority of positions filled by the close of our meeting
 - Continued work on finalizing the slate of nominees to present to General Assembly, 2018.

Recommendations to the 2018 General Assembly:

1. **RECOMMENDATION 38-27:**
To revise language for Rules for Assembly XI.11-3

Work of the Committee in 2017-2018:

The Nominating Committee began its work in the fall of 2017 as its members spoke to their respective presbyteries about opportunities to serve at the General Assembly, level, and explained the nomination process. The Nominating Committee then met at General Assembly headquarters in Orlando on March 16, 2018 to review committee vacancies and work on filling the slate to be presented to the 38th General Assembly.

The Nominating Committee annually nominates the Moderator, Moderator-elect, and permanent committee members for election by the General Assembly. The committee receives endorsements of qualified individuals from presbyteries and church Sessions.

The meeting went very efficiently, with the vast majority of positions being filled by the time we left that afternoon. The Nominating Committee continued to work on finalizing the slate in the weeks that followed, with further committee communications taking place via email.

We continue to have more people endorsed to serve on permanent committees than we have vacancies. Thank you so much to those who are willing to give their time and efforts to serve the EPC and the Kingdom.

The Nominating Committee would also like to express our appreciation to the following: RE Tom Reesor for chairing the Nominating Committee this last year, Marti Brenner and Zenaida Bermudez for their administrative support; Assistant Stated Clerk Rev. Jerry Iamurri for his guidance, wisdom, institutional knowledge and procedural expertise; and Stated Clerk, Rev. Dr. Jeff Jeremiah for his insight and wise advice to the committee. Above all though, we give thanks to our Lord and Savior for answering our prayers and guiding us through the process of our work. To Him alone be the glory.

Recommendations to the 2018 General Assembly:

RECOMMENDATION 38-27:

The Nominating Committee asks for the following revision:

<i>Current Rules for Assembly XI.11-3</i>	<i>Proposed Rules for Assembly XI.11-3</i> Additions in <i>bold italics</i>
XI. Committee on Nominations 11-3 Each year at the Assembly, the outgoing Moderator shall nominate	XI. Committee on Nominations 11-3 Each year at the Assembly, the outgoing Moderator shall nominate

four to the Assembly for membership on this committee. At that time, the floor will be opened for other nominations.	four <i>the appropriate number of persons</i> to the Assembly for membership on this committee. At that time, the floor will be opened for other nominations.
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Rationale: The current language in Rule 11-1 is unclear and the nominating committee finds it necessary to revise the language in order to provide sufficient guidance for the committee in the fulfillment of its responsibilities to the EPC. Rule 11-3 currently requires the Moderator of the Assembly to name four (4) nominees each year in order to create three balanced classes that represent each presbytery. With the growth of the EPC to 14 presbyteries, it may be that the Moderator would need to add more than four (4) in a class in order to ensure adequate representation to all presbyteries. The Nominating Committee asks for the following revision:

Committee Members:

RE Cathy Burkholder (Chair), Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest
RE John Adamson, Presbytery of the Central South
RE Brian Altmyer, Presbytery of the Alleghenies
TE Ron Bengelink, Presbytery of Pacific Northwest
RE George Blackburn, Presbytery of the Gulf South
RE Janet Bole, Presbytery of the West
TE James Carr, Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic
TE Alan Conrow, Presbytery of the Midwest
RE Susan Humphreys, Presbytery of Mid-America
RE Kelli Marks, Presbytery of the Rivers and Lakes
TE Johnson Woody, Presbytery of Florida and the Caribbean
TE Bill Dudley, Presbytery of the Southeast
RE Tom Reesor, Presbytery of the Southeast
RE Alan Smith, Presbytery of the East

Committee Meeting Dates:

March 16, 2018, Orlando, FL

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine Burkholder
Interim Chair

June 2018

RECOMMENDATION 38-01

Moderator Nominee – RE Thomas Werner



Tom Werner has degrees from DePauw University, St. Louis University Law School, and a Masters in Taxation from Washington University Law School. He worked in law firms in St. Louis, then served a St. Louis technology company as General Counsel and in various business capacities. Along the way he was granted a Master of Arts in Theological Studies (M.A.T.S.) from Covenant Seminary. Tom has been retired for three years.

Tom has had the privilege of serving on the EPC Theology Committee, chairing the Committee for a year, and contributing to the EPC Leadership Training Guide. He has also served on the Ministerial Committee and Moderator for the Presbytery of Mid-America, and has served on missions' teams to Romania, Russia, Ukraine, Honduras, and Albania.

Tom is married to Susan, and they celebrated 40 years of marriage last summer. They have two grown children and three wonderful grandchildren. Tom and Susan have attended Greentree Community Church in Kirkwood, Missouri, for about seventeen years and previously attended Central Presbyterian Church in St. Louis. Tom teaches at Greentree on a fairly regular basis, and preaches on occasion.

Tom is a Cardinal baseball fan, a runner and reader, and he and Susan are avid travelers.

RECOMMENDATION 38-01 (cont.)

Moderator-Elect Nominee TE Case Thorp



*Rev. Dr. Case Thorp
Nominee for Moderator-
Elect*

The Rev. Dr. Case Thorp is the Senior Associate Pastor for Evangelism at First Presbyterian Church of Orlando where he founded and leads *The Collaborative for Cultural and Economic Renewal*, a faith, work, economics outreach to the city. In similar fashion, Case serves as a city network leader for the *Made to Flourish Network*, a faith & work network for pastors.

Case's teaching ministry includes The Gotham Fellowship, the entire Biblical narrative, and The Orlando Fellows Initiative, which he brought to Orlando. He serves as adjunct faculty for Palm Beach Atlantic University and Reformed Theological Seminary. His writings have been published in the Wall Street Journal, and is a regular contributor to *The Green Room Blog* and Orlando Sentinel. Read more at www.casethorp.com.

Dr. Thorp has preached internationally from Madagascar to Tajikistan to Brazil drawing upon his upbringing in the American Camp Meeting tradition. He is a trustee and "tent" owner at Salem Camp Ground, just east of Atlanta. Additionally, he assisted with the founding of IDignity, a social enterprise that assists the poor with obtaining essential government identification.

Originally from Atlanta, educational stops along the way have included Oxford College (AA), Emory University (BA), Princeton Theological Seminary (MDIV), and Fuller Theological Seminary (DMin in Missional Ecclesiology). He began in pastoral ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Baton Rouge (EPC).

Case is married to Jodi, a deacon, and they have three beautiful children, Alexandra (13), Charles (11), and Brooks (6).

SLATE OF NOMINATIONS – PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

RECOMMENDATION 02:

*(Note: ^means second term; *means pending Session or Presbytery endorsement)*

Benefit Resources, Inc., Board of Directors

Class of	2021	RE	Draughon, Robert^	Central South
Class of	2021		Moore, Michael	Central South
Class of	2021	TE	Reisenweaver, Bill	Florida and the Caribbean

Committee on Chaplains Work and Care

Class of	2019	TE	Holman, Greg	Mid-Atlantic
Class of	2021	TE	Prechter, Jennifer	Florida and the Caribbean
Class of	2021	TE	Snyder, David^	Mid-Atlantic
Class of	2021	RE	Swedberg, Richard^	West
Class of	2020	TE	Yorton, Brad	Pacific Northwest

Committee on Church Planting and Revitalization

Class of	2021	RE	Carter, Franklin^	Mid-Atlantic
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EPC Foundation Board

Class of	2021	TE	Borsay, Ben	Midwest
Class of	2021		Eibel, Mark	Pacific Northwest
Class of	2019	RE	Graham, John*	Southeast

Committee on Fraternal Relations

Class of	2021	RE	Culbertson, Carol	West
Class of	2021	TE	Fortson, Don	Mid-Atlantic

Committee on Ministerial Vocation

Class of	2021	RE	McAtee, Neal^	Central South
Class of	2021	RE	Tromble, Caroline^	Rivers and Lakes

National Leadership Team

Class of	2021	RE	Fanara, Phil^	East
Class of	2021	RE	Gibson, Michael^	Great Plains
Class of	2021	RE	Liddon, Robert^	Central South
Class of	2020	RE	Lukens, Rosemary	Pacific Northwest

Next Generation Ministries Council

Class of	2021		Aydt, Greg	West
Class of	2021		DeHaven, Meg	East
Class of	2021	TE	Mills, Andrew	Gulf South
Class of	2020	RE	Shultz, Becky	West
Class of	2019		Suzuki, Ryan	Pacific Southwest

Nominating Committee

Class of	2020	RE	Bradshaw, Marion	Rivers and Lakes
Class of	2021	TE	Carlson, Larry	Pacific Northwest
Class of	2021	RE	Humphreys, Susan	Mid-America
Class of	2021	RE	McCoy, Joe	Mid-Atlantic
Class of	2021	TE	Ricketts, David	Pacific Southwest
Class of	2020	TE	Hardy, Wayne	Great Plains

Permanent Judicial Commission

Class of	2021	RE	Cowan, Amanda	Florida and the Caribbean
Class of	2021	RE	Flater, Don^	Rivers and Lakes
Class of	2021	TE	Opp, Dana^	Alleghenies

Presbytery Review Committee

Class of	2021	RE	Matthews, Cecil^	West
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Committee on Theology

Class of	2021	TE	DiNunzio, Ron	East
Class of	2021	TE	Mowen, Ryan	Alleghenies

Women's Resource Council

Class of	2021	TE	Beekmann, Sharon^	West
Class of	2021	TE	Brown, Mary^	Great Plains
Class of	2020	RE	Burdge, Lynn	Central South
Class of	2020		Campbell, Anita	Alleghenies

World Outreach Committee

Class of	2021	TE	Bear, Chris	East
Class of	2021	TE	Dietzman, Rick	Pacific Northwest
Class of	2021	RE	Tucker, Patrick^	Central South

STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Standing Committee assignments are made by the Nominating Committee from those Commissioners who have completed the registration process (program registration for the General Assembly and certification of Ruling Elder Commissioners by their Clerk of Session) by May 31. **These pages will be posted** on www.epc.org/ga2018documents **following the Nominating Committee's June meeting.**