

Nominating Committee
Report to the 39th General Assembly



Janet Bole
Chairman

Summary of Work, 2018-2019:

1. Nomination of Moderator and Moderator elect for 2019
2. Review of committee vacancies
3. Nominations for Permanent Committees
4. Follow up on finalizing slate of nominees

Recommendations to the 2019 General Assembly:

1. **Recommendation 39-30:**
The revised language for *Rules for Assembly* XI.11-1
2. **Recommendation 39-31:**
The revised language for *Rules for Assembly* XI.11-3

Work of the Committee in 2018-2019:

The Nominating Committee works year-round encouraging members of each Presbytery to apply for permanent committee positions.

The Nominating Committee met at the Office of the General Assembly in Orlando, FL on March 15, 2019, to review committee vacancies and work on filling the slate to present to the 39th General Assembly. Many of the nominees were contacted the day of the meeting and further contacts were conducted by email.

The Nominating Committee would like to thank the staff of the Office of the General Assembly for their tremendous support—especially Marti Brenner and Zenaida Bermudez for their administrative support, Assistant Stated Clerk Jerry Iamurri for his guidance, and Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah for his insight and advice to the committee. Above all we thank the Lord for answered prayer and guidance.

Recommendations to the 2019 General Assembly:

Recommendation 39-30

Recommendation 39-31

That the 39th General Assembly revise language for *Rules for Assembly* Committee on Nominations XI. 11-1-3.

| Current Rules for Assembly XI.11-1-3 | Proposed Rules for Assembly XI.11-1-3 (Additions in <i>bold italics</i>) |
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| <p>XI. Committee on Nominations</p> <p>11-1 The membership shall consist of one Teaching or Ruling Elder from each Presbytery, and shall be organized in three classes with numbers as close to equal as possible. There shall be at least two more Ruling Elder than Teaching Elder members. A member may not serve all or part of one term and shall then be ineligible for re-election for one year.</p> <p>The Stated Clerk, or a person designated by the Clerk, shall work with the committee to insure compliance with the requirements of the <i>Rules for Assembly</i>.</p> <p>11-2 The chairman shall be named from the next outgoing class by the outgoing Moderator of the Assembly. The chairman shall take office at the close of the Assembly.</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>XI. Committee on Nominations</p> <p>11-1 The membership shall consist of one Teaching or Ruling Elder from each Presbytery, and shall be organized in three classes with numbers as close to equal as possible. <i>Ordinarily</i>, there shall <i>should</i> be at least two more Ruling Elder than Teaching Elder members. A member may not serve all or part of one term and shall then be ineligible for re-election for one year. <i>A member may serve all or part of one three-year term and then be eligible for re-election for an additional three-year term.</i></p> <p>The Stated Clerk, or a person designated by the Clerk, shall work with the committee to insure compliance with the requirements of the <i>Rules for Assembly</i>.</p> <p>11-2 The chairman shall be named from the next outgoing class by the outgoing Moderator of the Assembly. The chairman shall take office at the close of the Assembly.</p> <p>11-3 Each year at the Assembly, the outgoing Moderator shall nominate 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.</p> |

Rationale:

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.


Committee Members:

RE Janet Bole (Chair), Presbytery of the West
RE John Adamson, Presbytery of the Central South
Brian Altmyer, Presbytery of the Alleghenies
George Blackburn, Presbytery of the Gulf South
Alan Smith, Presbytery of the East
Marian Bradshaw, Presbytery of Rivers and Lakes
Alan Conrow, Presbytery of the Midwest
Wayne Hardy, Presbytery of the Great Plains
Woody Johnson, Presbytery of Florida and the Caribbean
Larry Carlson, Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest
Susan Humphreys, Presbytery of Mid-America
Joe McCoy, Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic
David Ricketts, Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest

Committee Meeting Dates:

March 15, 2019

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Bole
Chairman

June 2019

Recommendation 39-02:

**Moderator Nominee
TE Case Thorp**



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, and economics outreach to the city. In similar fashion, Case serves as a city network leader for the *Made to Flourish Network*, a faith and 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 the 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 the EPC's First Presbyterian Church of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Case and his wife, Jodi (a deacon), have three beautiful children: Alexandra, 13; Charles, 11; and Brooks, 6.

Recommendation 39-02 (Continued)

**Moderator-Elect Nominee
RE Glenn Meyers**



Glenn E. Meyers serves as Pastor of Ardara Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Ardara, Pennsylvania. An ordained Ruling Elder serving as a Commissioned Pastor, Glenn has been honored to oversee the revitalization of the vibrant, 120-member congregation in which he grew up.

“From nearly closing to a now-vital gospel ministry, God has done a great work among us,” Glenn says. “I am grateful to the pastors, elders, deacons, and church family members who have held the church in trust for future generations while seeking the will of God in the present. We intend to do the same.”

A graduate of Norwin Senior High School in North Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, Glenn went on to study Organizational Behavior at Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. More recently, he attended Reformed Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (RPTS) before being called to his current position. Prior to becoming a Commissioned Pastor, Glenn spent more than 20 years as a Habilitation Therapist and the owner/operator of Habilis Learning Consultants.

“My work with and for adults and children with developmental delays and mental health challenges has been a blessing of profound preparation,” he notes.

Raised by his mother and grandmother in a loving home, Glenn says he was “blessed by the many men of the church who cared for, encouraged, and mentored me along the way.”

An inseparable ministry team, Glenn and his wife, Heather (the part-time church secretary and full-time mother and grandmother) have six children and seven—and counting—grandchildren. All of their children, who range in age from 13 to 31, have professed faith in Christ and are currently working out their salvation and their individual callings.

Glenn’s many diverse opportunities include serving as manager of the Pittsburgh Children’s Museum, performing as an actor, and working as a children’s librarian. He is an Eagle Scout and has toured with a choir through Europe. He enjoys travel, new food experiences, music, the theater, and art.

“God wastes no experiences,” he says. “I am blessed to be part of a church and family in which my very faithful God has begun a good work. With every new opportunity presented by the hand of God, my deepest desire is to honor Him. I am very blessed to be asked to serve Christ’s Church to the Glory of my Father.”



Recommendation 39-08:

Slate Of Nominations—Permanent Committees And Boards

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

Benefit Resources, Inc., Board of Directors

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| Class of 2022 | RE Bush, Michael^ | Alleghenies |
| Class of 2022 | RE Lewien, Jim | West |
| Class of 2022 | RE Siegfried, Sandy | Great Plains |

Chaplains Work and Care Committee

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|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Class of 2022 | RE Alexander, Bruce^ | East |
| Class of 2022 | TE Foster, Timothy^ | Central South |
| Class of 2022 | TE Holman, Glen | Mid-Atlantic |
| Class of 2021 | TE Prechter, Jennifer | Florida and the Caribbean |
| Class of 2020 | TE Yorton, Brad | Pacific Northwest |

Generosity Resources Committee

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| Class of 2022 | TE Porter, Jeff | Mid-Atlantic |
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Fraternal Relations Committee

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| Class of 2022 | RE Harmon, Jerry^ | Central South |
| Class of 2020 | TE Pallikkathayil, Joe | Mid-America |
| Class of 2022 | TE Trafford, Alan | Gulf South |

Ministerial Vocation Committee

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| Class of 2022 | TE Lian, Fred | West |
| Class of 2022 | RE Rotella, Frank^ | East |

National Leadership Team

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| Class of 2020 | RE Arnold, Gerry | Gulf South |
| Class of 2022 | RE Danusiar, Chris^ | Rivers and Lakes |
| Class of 2022 | RE Evans, Brian | Midwest |
| Class of 2021 | TE Garretson, Brett | West |
| Class of 2022 | RE Lineberry, Duke | Mid-Atlantic |
| Class of 2020 | TE Strunk, Dave | Southeast |
| Class of 2022 | TE Whitlock, Luder^ | Florida and the Caribbean |



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Next Generation Ministries Council

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| Class of 2022 | Burkholder, Jen^ | Alleghenies |
| Class of 2022 | Daniel, Martha^ | Alleghenies |

Nominating Committee

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| Class of 2022 | RE Adamson, John^ | Central South |
| Class of 2022 | RE Altmeyer, Brian^ | Alleghenies |
| Class of 2022 | RE Beck, Henry | Gulf South |
| Class of 2022 | RE Bole, Jan^ | West |
| Class of 2021 | RE Chadwick, Jeff | Southeast |
| Class of 2021 | TE Dudley, Bill | Southeast |
| Class of 2022 | RE Smith, Alan^ | East |

Permanent Judicial Commission

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| Class of 2022 | TE Dakin, George^ | Pacific Northwest |
| Class of 2022 | TE Ellison, Neil^ | Mid-Atlantic |
| Class of 2022 | RE Harms, Don | Midwest |

Presbytery Review Committee

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|---------------|------------------|------------|
| Class of 2022 | RE Connor, Jim | |
| Class of 2022 | TE King, George | Gulf South |
| Class of 2021 | TE O'Keefe, Gary | Midwest |

Committee on Theology

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| Class of 2022 | RE Miller, Gordon | Mid-Atlantic |
| Class of 2022 | RE Moody, John^ | Great Plains |

Women's Resource Council

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| Class of 2022 | Clymer, Kathy | Mid-Atlantic |
| Class of 2022 | RE Duval, Rebecca | Pacific Southwest |
| Class of 2020 | Marcy, Kathleen^ | Rivers and Lakes |
| Class of 2020 | Sinclair, Kim^ | Midwest |

World Outreach Committee

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|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Class of 2021 | RE Lear, Susan | Great Plains |
| Class of 2022 | RE Long, Johnny | West |
| Class of 2022 | Van Valkenburg, David | West |

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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/ga2019documents following the Nominating Committee's June meeting.