

Report of the Nominating Committee
May 3, 2008

For Action:

1. We wish to nominate the following as Synod Commissioners, they having agreed to serve if elected.

Rev. Thomas Conboy, Class of 2011

Elder Judy Babcock, Class of 2011

2. We wish to nominate the following to Presbytery Council, they having agreed to serve if elected. (These are one year terms because these are committee chair positions and they are renewable every year for a total of three years.)

Rev. Steven Thayer, Calvary Presbyterian, Enfield, Ct., Moderator, class of 2009

Elder Judy Babcock, Providence Presbyterian, Providence, RI., Vice Moderator, class of 2009

Rev. Ronald Minor, Community of Jesus, Orleans, Ma., Chair, Church Development, class of 2009.

Rev. Barbara Hager, Chair, Ecclesiastical Relations, Class of 2009.

Rev. John Webster, Co-Chair, Committee on Ministry, Class of 2009, member Class of 2011.

Rev. Stephen Clark, Co-Chair, Committee on Ministry, Class of 2009.

Rev. Joan Priest, Chair, Personnel Committee, Class of 2009, member, Class of 2011.

Rev. David Van Dyke, Chair, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Chair, Class of 2009, member, class of 2011.

Elder Stephanie Brackett, PW Representative, Class of 2011.

Rev. Tracy Johnson, Chair, Committee on Stewardship and Mission, Class of 2009.

Rev. Paul Terry, Chair, Trustees, Class of 2009, member, Class of 2011.

Rev. Chris Tate, Chair, Youth Committee, Class of 2009, member, class of 2011.

Elder Pat Wales, Member-at-large, Class of 2011.

3. We wish to nominate the following to Presbytery Committees, they having agreed to serve if elected.

Elder Dan Cunningham, Church Development Committee, Class of 2009.

Elder David Miller, Church Development Committee, Class of 2011.

Rev. Carol North, Church Development Committee, Class of 2009.

Rev. Frederick Porter, Ecclesiastical Relations Committee, Class of 2011.

Rev. Richard Dannenfeler, Committee on Ministry, Class of 2011.

Elder Christina McIntyre, Committee on Ministry, Class of 2011.

Rev. Laura Opsahl, Committee on Ministry, Class of 2009.

Elder Meg Nosenzo, Committee on Ministry, Class of 2011.

Rev. Tom Speers, Committee on Ministry, Class of 2011.

Rev. Johanna Johns Jung, Committee on Ministry, Class of 2011.

Elder John Harter, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Class of 2010.

Rev. Thomas Fisher, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Class of 2011.

Elder Art Riihimaki, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Class of 2011.

Rev. Dae Joon Roh, , Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Class of 2011.

Elder Olgie Anderson-Lee, Committee on Social Justice, Class of 2011.

Ms. Joan Ramos, Committee on Social Justice, Class of 2011.

Ms. Leslie Weeks, Committee on Social Justice, Class of 2011.

Rev. Matthew Braddock, Committee on Stewardship and Mission, Class of 2011.

Rev. Tom Conboy, Committee on Stewardship and Mission, Class of 2011.

Rev. Christine Foster, Committee on Stewardship and Mission, Class of 2011.

Elder Ernest Jung, Trustees, Class of 2010.

Elder Joe Baker, Trustees, Class of 2011.

Elder Gerald Fickenscher, Trustees, Class of 2011.

Elder William Newman, Trustees, Class of 2011.

Rev. Jane Field, Youth Committee, Class of 2011.

The Presbytery of Southern New England Committee Structure

Much of the actual work of ministry and mission being done by The Presbytery of Southern New England (as distinct from its member congregations and clergy) is carried out through its committees. The Committee on Nominations seeks to assure that these committees represent both the talents and the diversity of the congregations and clergy within the Presbytery. To that end the Committee is constantly seeking individuals willing to serve on Presbytery committees, and to match, to the best of its ability, the interests/skills/talents of volunteers with the responsibilities and requirements of the committees. The normal term on a Presbytery committee is three years. Below is a brief description of each committee. More details can be found in the [Presbytery by-laws](#) and by consulting with the current committee chairpersons. On the back is an application form the Nominating Committee uses in considering its nominations.

Presbytery Council

Supervises and coordinates the work of Presbytery. Consists of at-large members as well as Presbytery officers and committee chairs. Meets 5 times a year; each meeting is 4-5 hours.

Personnel Committee

Deals with personnel policies, procedures, and matters related to Presbytery staff, 5 members. Meets quarterly for 2-3 hours.

Committee on Ministry

Has general oversight of clergy and congregations. Develops policy and deals with individual cases. 18 members. Generally meets in Old Saybrook monthly on 2nd Weds. for about 6 hours (in slack time, they meet via short conference calls).

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Academic and spiritual preparation for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. Committee members have personal involvement with several individual candidates and/or inquirers. 9 members. Meets 10x year on 4th Tues. for approx. 5-6 hours.

Board of Trustees

Deals with the Presbytery's property, budget, legal and financial matters. 9 members. Meets 5 times a year for 3 hours.

Permanent Judicial Commission

Deals with disciplinary cases as they arise. 7 members; 5-year term.

Committee on Church Development

CDC has a double focus: developing new churches and helping present churches in redevelopment/revitalization. Active committee, each person having specific areas of responsibility. Meets bi-monthly for 3-4 hours. 9 members. Very busy committee.

Committee on Congregational Resources

Provides program resources and consultative services to churches in the areas of Christian education, officer training, evangelism, and worship. 7 members. Meets as needed.

Committee on Ecclesiastical Relations

Oversees relations with Synod, General Assembly and ecumenical bodies as well as reviews Session records. 9 members. Meets 4 times a year; members review session records on their own.

Committee on Social Justice

Identifies social justice issues, develops programs and resources and makes recommendations on appropriate social justice actions to Presbytery. 9 members. Meets as necessary.

Committee on Stewardship & Mission

Provides guidance on local, national, and global mission efforts. Interprets how time/money for mission is being spent; small grants; dispensing Synod campus ministry monies; creates written resources to increase response to mission needs; creative ways to encourage mission efforts in Presbytery; partnering with other presbyteries to increase impact; organizing exposure for itinerant missionaries. 9 members. Meets quarterly for about 3 hours.

Committee on Nominations

Nominates persons for all Presbytery responsibilities except the Nominating Committee itself. 9 members. Meets 4-5 times a year (sometimes by conf. Call) for 2-3 hours. Most work outside of meetings is done by members by email or phone from home.

Committee on Representation

Advises Presbytery bodies on implementing the principles of inclusiveness and participation to ensure fair representation of racial ethnic minorities, women, various age groups and the disabled in the decision-making bodies of the Presbytery. 9 members. Meets as needed.

Committee on Youth Ministries

Provides resources and materials for youth ministry and plans presbytery-wide events for youth (and for the Youth Triennium). Discerns ways to involve youth from multiple PCUSA churches. Youth blog site available. Meets primarily by electronic means. 7 members.

Moderator

Serves on Presbytery Council. Participates in ordination and installations of Presbytery's behalf. After meetings the Moderator thanks the church/session on behalf of PSNE. Moderator appoints Task Forces and Review Teams as requested by Council.

Vice-Moderator

Serves on Presbytery Council. In absence of Moderator, Vice-Moderator participates in ordinations and installations. Listens/discerns and considers one's leadership style for the coming year (assuming the Vice-Moderator becomes Moderator), especially in terms of setting the tone at meetings. Attends Presbytery meetings and shares the duties of moderating these meetings including behind the scenes prep individually and via conf. calls.