

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
 Nominating Committee
Commissioners to 2018 and 202
General Assembly Meetings
 First Reading – June, 2017

Background

At the March 25, 2017, Presbytery Meeting the Nominating Committee offered amendments to the Guidelines for nominating commissioners and alternates to Synod and General Assembly. These amendments were required because the membership of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina dropped below 24,000 and therefore we went from sending 4 ruling elder and 4 teaching elders to the General Assembly to 3 of each.

As soon as the new Guidelines were in place the committee sent letters to each clerk of session of congregations eligible under the guidelines to suggest ruling elder commissions and to each pastor eligible to be considered by the committee. These letters were followed up by an email as well.

The Guidelines for Nominating Commissioners and Alternates spell out the criteria that the committee will use to select a slate of proposed commissioners and alternates. Among other things these criteria¹ call for active participation in the life and work of the Presbytery and support of its mission including that of the larger church through payment of per capita. Ministers and churches who have gone/sent a ruling elder within the last 10 years were (per the guidelines) not considered.

A review of these criteria produced a list of 15 teaching elders (ministers) and 34 congregations (for ruling elders) divided as follows:

Community	Teaching Elders (Ministers)		Congregations (for Ruling Elders)	
	Eligible	Applications	Eligible	Applications
Central	4	2	9	1
East	6	3	11	3
West	5	2	14	2

¹ Potential commissioners need to have attended 4 of the last 6 meetings of Presbytery or their Missional Community, been active (either as minister or by representatives of the congregation) on Presbytery or Community committees, and have contributed per capita and shared mission giving to the Presbytery. Ministers or elders representing congregations who do not meet these criteria can always be nominated from the floor of the Presbytery in October, but will not be considered by the Nominating Committee in their work. The full text of the Guidelines can be found on the Presbytery's website (www.presbycc.org) under *Resources/ Policies, Manuals and Handbooks*.

In keeping with the Guidelines, the persons elected in 2015 as alternate commissioners for 2016 are being nominated as the principal commissioners for 2018. From the applications received the Nominating Committee has nominated the following persons to serve as Commissioners for the 2020 General Assembly in Baltimore. (These persons might serve as alternate commissioners if needed at the 2018 General Assembly in Saint Louis.)

Nominations:

Principal Commissioners to 2018 General Assembly in St. Louis (served as alternates last time):

Community	Name	Church	Ethnic	Gender
Central TE	Steuart Link	Lake Waccamaw	W	M
Central RE	William (Paul) Pope	First, Whiteville	W	M
East TE	William Young	Sneads Ferry	W	M
East RE	Curt Simpson	Wallace	W	M
West TE	Mamie Wilson-Hooker	HR (Blandonia)	AA	F
West RE	John Baker	First, Carthage	W	M

Alternate Commissioners to 2018 General Assembly in St. Louis – **Principal Commissioners** for 2020 General Assembly in Baltimore:

Community	Name	Church	Ethnic	Gender
Central TE	Evan Harrison	Sunnyside	W	M
Central RE	Robert C Hill, Sr.	Parkton	W	M
East TE	Emile Harley	Winter Park	W	M
East RE	Matlynn Yeoman	Chestnut Street	AA	F
West TE	Karen Allen	Brownson Memorial	W	F
West RE	Linda Hayes	First, Dunn	W	F

Important Note

Alternate commissioners for 2018 (principals for 2020) will need to continue to meet the criteria for attendance, participation, and support of the ministry of the Presbytery in order to retain their standing as principal commissioners for 2020.