

National Capital Presbytery Elder Commissioner to General Assembly Nomination Form

revised May 2009

This form has been developed following G-4.0400 Diversity and Inclusiveness, to help the Nominating Committee give full expression to the rich diversity within our presbytery.

Date September 17, 2009

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Year of Ordination: 1998	Year Church was last represented at GA by an Elder: 2008	
Previous Commissioner to GA? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If Yes, what year?	What Presbytery?

Age Range:

- 25 and under (youth)
 26-35 (young adults)
 36-64 (adult)
 65+ (older adult)

Racial Ethnic Identity:

- Asian-American (AA)
 African-American (AfrA)
 Hispanic/Latino (H/L)
 Middle Eastern (ME)
 Native American (NA)
 Caucasian (C)
 Other (O)

Gender F M

Disability? Y N Is building accessibility a concern? Y N

In the past two years, how often did you attend Presbytery meetings? ** Missed only one meeting in May, 2009.
Local Church Responsibilities (Past and Present) ** Served as member or chair of standing committees/ ministries of the Session including evangelism and outreach; worship; stewardship; social action and welfare. Moderator of Presbyterian Women, Vice President of Chancel Choir, Chair of Music Committee, Assistant Music Director for Bible School and Member of Long Range Planning Committee.
Presbytery Responsibilities (Past and Present) ** Member of CPM, Member of Presbytery Council, NCP Moderator of Presbyterian Women
Other Governing Body Responsibilities (Past and Present) ** Communication Coordinator of Synod of Mid Atlantic PW Summer Gathering Team, Member of PW Synod Coordinating Team
Special skills, knowledge, expertise in relevant areas and computer competency

** Program administration, analysis and strategy management in human services especially for those programs involving poverty reduction, planning and facilitation with community groups, cross-cutting policy development, results-oriented management and accountability, proposal writing, grants and contract management and public speaking. Able to work with people of different cultures, ages and persuasions to understand issues and develop workable solutions to complex problems or issues. Able to use basic computer office software, navigate the internet and use email efficiently.

Community Involvement (Name no more than three)

** In partnership with other affiliates, created a program for teens (Self Awareness/Self Esteem [SASE] as a way to engage African American sororities and fraternities to work toward positive outcomes for youth in foster care or other less fortunate situations; established in partnership with an inner city church and other groups a program for adult literacy; chaired the Violence Reduction Committee of the DC United Way Board to specifically work with two DC schools (classes 5&6) and surrounding community groups including the DC Metropolitan Police in one geographic area to reduce violence among targeted youth.

**If filling out form manually, use extra pages where necessary.

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G-4.0403 "...Persons of all racial ethnic groups, different ages, both sexes, various disabilities, diverse geographical areas, different theological positions consistent with the Reformed tradition...shall be guaranteed full participation and access to representation..."

**To help the Nominating Committee further understand you, briefly describe your theology.

My theology is relatively simple. I believe in a Supreme God, in Jesus Christ as both human and God and in the church as a community of faith which through studying scripture tries to bring truth and love together to praise God and nurture the character formation of all people. As a worshiping community, we reach out to welcome all people and help them as well as ourselves through our actions to embrace the spirit and teachings of Christ. Our major focus is discipleship through active love. I have pledged myself to try to help at least one person every day of my life even if that one person may sometimes be me.

**Please share why you want to represent National Capital Presbytery at the General Assembly.

The NCP area presents an enormous opportunity for developing strategies of meaningful communication building among people of diverse backgrounds and ages. Through my work with NCP, I've come to understand that the Washington metro area is ranked 7th nationally among the top U.S. cities for immigration. I believe this is a critical time in history where we have an opportunity to get it right or get it wrong quickly. Information is flowing so rapidly that time to integrate experiences and knowledge is increasingly difficult. And, because of the many forms of communication, opinions are formed rapidly on somewhat tenuous data. I believe that participation with persons at GA will afford me the opportunity to hear and understand background information about the history, overtures, facts, opinions and even theologies within the Presbyterian Church for better integration. I am particularly interested in discussions about the character of the church as a Christian community. For example, what can we get from scripture about multiculturalism and what use can I make of this information not only as an elder member in my own church but also with my strategic work on the Presbytery Council and with Presbyterian Women both in the NCP and in the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic?

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A commissioner to the General Assembly recognizes the importance of the following responsibilities and is willing to accept each.

- Attendance at preparatory meetings and briefings. (yes)
- Attendance and participation in the General Assembly in its entirety (yes)
- Report to and be a resource within the Presbytery following the General Assembly, and be available for two years thereafter for the purpose of interpreting and assisting in the implementation of actions taken at the General Assembly. (yes)

- Serve for two years on the NCP Bills and Overtures Committee. (yes)
- Able to use computer before and during GA. (yes)

Signature of Nominee: (Type name if submitting electronically)

Margaret J. Washnitzer

Signature of Moderator or Clerk of Session: (Elders must be nominated by the Session of their church)

(Type name if submitting electronically)

Sterling Morse, Moderator

Date of Session Action: Sept. 16, 2009

Please return to Nominating Committee Chair, **Betty Douglass**, ebdouglass@verizon.net or
313 W. Columbia Street
Falls Church, VA 22046

Please provide your picture either digitally or by hard copy

Nomination Deadline: September 30, 2009

Date Received _____