

National Capital Presbytery Minister Commissioner to General Assembly Nomination Form

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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.

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Year of Ordination: 2003	Year received into NCP: 2003	Local Church: Idylwood
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? ** all but 2 (excused)
Presbytery Responsibilities (Past and Present) ** Member of COM Coordinating Team, Chair of COM Care Team (2005-2007) Writer for the NCP Monthly, 2007-present
Other Governing Body Responsibilities (Past and Present) ** see attached
Special skills, knowledge, expertise in relevant areas and computer competency ** Very competent using computers and social media. I am a prolific writer and would be glad to keep a blog and/or Facebook page of GA happenings during my time in Minneapolis, for the benefit of the presbytery.
Community Involvement (Name no more than three) **

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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.
I agree with Eugen Rosenstock-Huessy, who wrote, "Things are set us as contraries that are not even in the same category... The opposite of radical is superficial; the opposite of liberal is stingy; the opposite of conservative is destructive. Therefore I will describe myself as a radical conservative liberal." I am a Barthian who loves Rosemary Radford Reuther and a loyal Presbyterian who is excited by the emergent conversation. I believe in disagreement without being disagreeable, and am convinced that one of the church's most important prophetic roles is to show the world a way to be in authentic and loving relationship across theological, political and cultural lines.

**Please share why you want to represent National Capital Presbytery at the General Assembly.
Part of my answer to this question can be found in the previous paragraph. I believe a good commissioner brings his or her own theological convictions, but listens attentively to the convictions of others, and values the peace, unity, purity, and transformation of the church above all. As a clergywoman under the age of 40, I represent a demographic group that is less visible on the national level. (I fit in the 36-64 box, but barely!) On a practical level, I bring a level of understanding of General Assembly, having attended as an observer and as a TSAD. On the other hand, I have never served as a commissioner, and I would bring new energy and enthusiasm to this task.

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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)

MaryAnn McKibben Dana

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 _____

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Supplemental Information for GA Nomination

Governing Body Responsibilities:

Committee/Administrative Work

- Theological Student Advisory Delegate, 214th General Assembly, Columbus, Ohio 2002. Member of the Confessions and Christology Committee the year the GA approved the "Hope in the Lord Jesus Christ" document.
- Committee on Ministry, National Capital Presbytery, 2005-2007. Member of COM Coordinating Team, Moderator of COM Care Team.

Workshop/Retreat Leadership

- Synod of the Sun Women's Conference, Mo-Ranch, June 2009. Preacher and worship leader.
- Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE). Led workshops on young women's spirituality and on sabbath-keeping in 2002 and 2009, respectively.
- Montreat Youth Conference, Summer 2004. Preacher and worship leader.

Publications

- Write the monthly Bible Explorations column, Presbyterians Today, 2007-present.
- Preaching, worship and ministry resources have been published in the Journal for Preachers, NCP "Monthly," Presbyterian Outlook, and Homiletics Magazine.

Community Involvement

Board Member of the Young Clergy Women Project, 2007-present