

# National Capital Presbytery

## Minister Commissioner to 2012 General Assembly

### Nomination Form

Revised June 2011

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:7/17/11		
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Year of Ordination:1986	Year your church was last represented by a Commissioner at GA:1999; Elder Betty Jacobson	
Previous Commissioner To GA? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If Yes, what year?YAD in 1981	What Presbytery?Grace

Age Range:

26-35              
 36-64              
 65+             

Gender:        F     M

Racial Ethnic Identity:

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

Do you require special accommodations of any type?    Y     N  If Yes, what kind

In the past two years, how often have you attended Presbytery meetings? **regularly
Local Church Responsibilities (Past and Present) **Pastor
Presbytery Responsibilities (Past and Present) **Current Chair - Worship & Theology; Chair - CPM; member - RCT
Other Governing Body Responsibilities (Past and Present) **member - Worship & Theology; member - CPM; NCP Rep to Synod of Mid-Atlantic in 2000
Special skills, knowledge, expertise in relevant areas and computer competency **I am competent in use of computers and use both a desktop and a laptop in my work. I have some training and expertise in worship and theology; candidacy and preparation for ministry, as well as issues of clergy ethics and responding to sexual misconduct in the church.

Community Involvement (Name no more than three)\*\*Jeannie Schmidt Free Clinic; Virginians Organized for Interfaith  
Community Engagement; Herndon Festival

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

NCP selects its delegates to represent the diversity of theological opinion present among us. Recognizing that each of the statements in the couplets below may be true, please place two numbers within each of the 4 sections: Place a 1 before the statement with which you most agree. Assign a 2 or 3 or 4 before the statement with which you least agree, with 4 indicating the least agreement. Add comments if necessary.

Rating Number	Theological Statement
2	The Kingdom of God is realized as individuals develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
1	The realm of God is most often realized in the believing community's witness to and participation in the advancement of social justice in the world. Comments:**
2	It is vitally important to affirm that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
1	To follow the teachings of Jesus is the most important witness to faith. Comments:**
1	The Scriptures, given under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, are nevertheless the words of humans, conditioned by the cultural and historical context in which they were written. The Spirit continually reforms our understanding of them.
2 and 3	The Scriptures, given under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, are definitive for how we should live, and we ignore their explicit instructions at our peril. Comments:** I would give a "2" to the first 2/3rds of the second statement, but the last 1/3 ("we ignore their explicit instruction at our peril") I give a "3" to primarily because while much of the scripture is explicit, not all of scripture is.
3	The goal of evangelism is to save people from eternal punishment.
1	The goal of evangelism is to offer individuals a place/role in the believing community, which exemplifies God's reconciling love and acceptance. Comments:**

Share with the committee what you believe are the key theological issues currently facing the church and society, and how they shape your experience in the church.\*\*see attached

Please share why you want to represent National Capital Presbytery at the General Assembly\*\*see attached

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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 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) Stephen Smith-Cobbs

Please return to Nominating Committee Chair, Betty Douglass, [ebdouglass@verizon.net](mailto: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, 2011**

**Date Received**