

National Capital Presbytery Elder Commissioner to 2012 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.

Date: 9/20/11		
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Year of Ordination: 1987	Year your church was represented by a Commissioner at GA: 1978	
Previous Commissioner To GA? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If Yes, what year?	What Presbytery?

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? ** 6
Local Church Responsibilities (Past and Present) ** Ruling Elder 2 three-year terms (co-chair Christian Education, Stewardship, Parish Nurture, Mission Outreach); Clerk of Session, additional 3 years; Chancel choir, bell choir, Sunday school teacher elementary and middle school; Chair Building Expansion Committee; occasional preaching and leading of adult Sunday school discussions and lenten evening programs.
Presbytery Responsibilities (Past and Present) ** I was a Presbytery Commissioner 2008-2010. Currently a member of the NCP Middle East Concerns Team
Other Governing Body Responsibilities (Past and Present) ** Member, Israel-Palestine Mission Network (PCUSA); Presbyterian Peace Fellowship National Committee, convener of Middle East Working Group.
Special skills, knowledge, expertise in relevant areas and computer competency ** I am a 2007 graduate of Wesley Seminary with an M. Div. I am a candidate certified to accept a call in NCP. I have a J. D. from Univ. Of Maryland School

of Law and practiced law for 22 years in the areas of litigation and real estate. I am capable on PC or Mac computers, with WORD, Excel, Power Point.

Community Involvement (Name no more than three)** University of Maryland Alumni Association Board 1988-2000, President 1999-2000; United Way of Central Maryland: Allocation Redesign Committee; Peace Action Montgomery County

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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 sets of statements: Place a 1 before the statement in each section 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.
4	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:**
4	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.**I believe the key theological issue currently facing the church and society is how we model the inclusiveness of Jesus' ministry in our world today, recognizing that the world is our community and that we have a relationship with and obligations to the whole of God's creation. We are called to be in the world, but not of the world. We are challenged to live faithfully, peaceably, and responsibly among others who do not have the same beliefs that we do, but whom we recognize nevertheless as God's children and our neighbors whom we are called to love and treat as we love and treat ourselves. We live in a culture of abundance, but we treat the world as if there is a scarcity of resources and we are somehow entitled to more than others. This is not the message Jesus brought us, and we need to start living differently to reflect the way of Jesus.

Please share why you want to represent National Capital Presbytery at the General Assembly**I went to GA in 2010 for the first time in my life and was inspired and exhilarated by the experience. I believe I have the background and skills to work faithfully with others in order to reach consensus and make faith-filled decisions for our church.

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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) M. Melinda Thompson
Signature of Moderator or Clerk of Session: (Elders must be nominated by the Session of their church) (Type name if submitting electronically) Margee Iddings
Date of Session Action: 9/21/11

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, 2011

Date Received