

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: September 27, 2011		
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Year of Ordination: 1992	Year your church was last represented by a Commissioner at GA: 2002	
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? **In the past two years I've only missed 2 or 3.
Local Church Responsibilities (Past and Present) **Pastor of Capitol Hill Presbyterian
Presbytery Responsibilities (Past and Present) **Flint River Presbytery: Education Committee, Committee on Preparation for Ministry (Moderator). National Capital Presbytery: In the past I've served on the Mission Interpretation Committee and served as the Theological Education Fund Representative for NCP, currently I serve on Worship and Theology Committee.
Other Governing Body Responsibilities (Past and Present) **Moderator of local Sessions at Forsyth Presbyterian Church, Forsyth, GA. (1992-2003); Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC (2003-present). Ordination Exam reader for Synod of South Atlantic (1998-2002).
Special skills, knowledge, expertise in relevant areas and computer competency **Performing Arts production skills and

knowledge. Writing and public speaking skills. Above average computer competency.

Community Involvement (Name no more than three)**Capitol Hill Group Ministry, Capitol Hill Faith Forum

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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 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
3	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:**
3	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.
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:**
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 there are two major theological issues facing us today from which most other issues, both internal and external to the church, stem. First, more internal to the church, is how we interpret scripture, including how we make room for various interpretations without condemning each other and how to truly live with mutual forbearance when differences are insurmountable. Second, mostly external to the church, is how we relate to other religious traditions and what we call secular society in ways that affirm everyone's freedom to experience Ultimate Mystery with integrity and dignity, without compromising our own faith and practice.

Please share why you want to represent National Capital Presbytery at the General Assembly** . I've been a Minister of Word and Sacrament (and now Teaching Elder) in the PC(U.S.A.) for 19 years (20 when this General Assembly meets) serving the denomination on numerous levels but have never been appointed as a Commissioner to General Assembly, even though I have attended at least one as an observer. For 12 years I belonged to the Flint River Presbytery where I was part of an accepted and loved progressive minority on most issues with which we wrestled during those years. Here in NCP I fit in mostly with the progressive majority, yet from my previous experiences know what it is like to be of a minority opinion. From this experience I try, sometime more successfully than others, to respect strong convictions of others even though they may differ from my own strongly held convictions.

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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) Andrew Walton

Please return to Nominating Committee Chair, Betty Douglass, ebdouglass@verizon.net or
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Please provide your picture either digitally or by hard copy

Nomination Deadline: September 30, 2011

Date Received