## **National Capital Presbytery**

## **Teaching Elder Commissioner to 2018 General Assembly**

## **Nomination Form**

Revised May 2017

This form has been developed following F-1.0403 Unity in Diversity, to help the Nominating Committee give full expression to the rich diversity within our presbytery.

Date: September 11, 2017				
Name: Donald (Don) M. Meeks				
Street Address: 14896 Greenhill Crossing Dr				
City, State, ZIP: Haymarket, VA 20	)169			
Local Church You Serve: Greenwich		Member of NCP Since: 2001		
If Member-at-large, what Ministry?				
Phone				
Home: 703-753-9745	Work: 703-754-79	33	Cell: 703-402-7724	
Email:				
dmeeks@greenwichpres.org				
Year of Ordination: 1992	Year your church was last represented by a Commissioner at GA: N/A			
Previous Commissioner to GA?  ☐ Yes ☒ No	If Yes, what year:		What Presbytery:	
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Age Range:		Racial Ethnic Identity:		
		African-American (AfrA)		
26-35		Asian-American (AA)		
36-64		Hispanic/Latino (H/L)		
65+		Middle Eastern (ME)		
		Native American (NA)		
Gender: Female Male		Caucasian (C)		
		Other (O) (Please specify)		
		(Please specify)		
Do you consider yourself to be a person with a disability? ☐ Yes ☒ No				
Do you require special accommodations of any kind?   Yes   No If Yes, what kind.				
In the past two years, how often have you attended Presbytery meetings? 8-10 times				
Local church responsibilities: (Past and Present) Senior Pastor - Greenwich (2001-present)				
Presbytery responsibilities: (Past and Present) NCP Permanent Judicial Commission (2019); Discernment Team for Centreville (2015-present); Discernment Team for The Rock Church (2014); Investigating Committee				
(2013-14): Task Force to develop Disaffiliation Guidelines (2013-2014): Investigating Committee (2012)				

Other governing body responsibilities: (Present and Past) N/A
Special skills, knowledge, expertise in relevant areas and computer competency include language(s) other than English: $\rm N/A$
Community involvement: (Name no more than three): Town of Haymarket - Board of Zoning Appeals (2017); Coach in local youth sports (2004-2011)

NCP selects its delegates to represent the diversity of theological opinion present among us, as required by the General Assembly.

On the continuum below, please click the box that best represents where you place yourself.

## THEOLOGICAL SPECTRUM



Why did you place yourself on the spectrum where you did? I came to faith in the early 1980's within the context of two traditional evangelical para-church ministries at the University of Virginia. I made my public profession of faith upon joining Trinity Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Charlottesville. I attended Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (M.Div. 1992) and have been nurtured in, and gladly embrace, an expression of the faith that is sometimes described as the 'historic' Reformed faith. In my ministry I tend to emphasize the personal dimension of the Christian faith. I affirm and teach the centrality of the atoning death of Jesus Christ to address the human condition of sin, the necessity of personal faith in Jesus Christ for salvation, the primacy of the Scriptures as the inerrant, living and active Word of God, and the role of the Holy Spirit in God's sanctifying work of transforming believers into the image of Christ. All of this is to say I consider myself to be a classic theological conservative, bending a bit in the pietistic direction, who believes there are certain fundamental truths that distinguish the Christian faith from other faith traditions (though I do not describe myself as a "fundamentalist.")

Please share with the committee what you believe are the key theological/social issues currently facing the church and society, and how they shape your experience in the church: In my ministry of late I have been focusing on three issues: 1) The failure of the church to effectively communicate the truths of Genesis 1 & 2 (the inherent dignity of all human beings as image-bearers of God) and Genesis 3 (the deeply imbedded reality of sin within the human condition affecting all persons and human structures); 2) The expanding reality of political idolatry within society that has, in my judgment, beguiled both conservatives and progressives; and 3) a robust understanding of the unity of the church in ways that help bridge divisions within our denomination and yet allow us to honor and maintain ecumenical connection with those who wish to leave our denomination.

These three issues are actively shape my ministry in two significant ways: 1) Through preaching, teaching and pastoral conversation at Greenwich I constantly find myself going back to Genesis 1-3 to help folks at Greenwich gain clarity on the issues of the day (racism, immigration, politics/idolatry, denominational life, etc); and 2) Through our open-space conversations at presbytery I am trying to be a bridge-builder and advocate for the unity of the church, in hopes of setting an example for fellow conservatives while erasing caracitures that progressives may have of their conservative colleagues.

Please indicate why you want to represent National Capital Presbytery at the General Assembly: I believe I can engage the issues with integrity and understanding, and that I will be an effective interpreter of General Assembly actions within NCP.

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

- Attendance at preparatory meetings and briefings. 

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- Attendance and participation in the General Assembly in its entirety.
- Serve for two years on the National Capital Presbytery's Bills and Overtures Committee after the General Assembly meeting. 

  ☐ Yes

I agree to be a nominee:	Donald M. Meeks

Send the form **electronically** to Jochebed Jordan, Chair of Nominating Committee, at **jochebedjordan@comcast.net** 

- Teaching Elders shall complete the form and send it electronically to Jochebed Jordan as an email attachment.
- Reference forms (required for elder and YAAD nominees, and recommended for minister nominees) are to be submitted by the person writing the recommendation and sent as an email attachment.
- A photograph of each nominee should be sent electronically to Jochebed Jordan.
- To fill out the form, put your curser in the gray area and type; click in the appropriate box for yes/no, age, racial/ethnic, etc. items.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL FORMS ARE DUE ELECTRONICALLY

BY SEPTEMBER 29, 2017.