

## National Capital Presbytery

### Young Adult Advisory Delegate 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: October 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2017		
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If ordained, Year of Ordination:	Year your church was last represented by a YAAD Commissioner at GA: Unsure	
Previous YAAD Delegate to GA? Yes <b><u>No</u></b>	If Yes, what year:	What Presbytery:

Age: 23		Racial/Ethnic Identity: Two or more races Korean and German American	
Gender:			
Female		African-American (AfrA)	
<b><u>Male</u></b>		Asian-American (AA)	
		AA	

	Hispanic/Latino (H/L)	
	Middle Eastern (ME)	
	Native American (NA)	
	Caucasian (C)	C
	Other (O) (Please specify)	Two/More: Korean and German American

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.

<p>In the past two years, how often have you attended Presbytery meetings?</p> <p>Southern New England Presbytery- four times</p>
<p>Local church responsibilities: (Past and Present)</p> <p>High School Sunday School Teacher (PPC), Nomination Committee (PPC), College Fellowship Leader (PPC), Evangelism Committee (NYAPC)</p>
<p>Presbytery responsibilities: (Past and Present)</p> <p>Liturgical Taskforce for the Presbytery of Southern New England, Translator for Korean Churches in the Boston Presbytery</p>
<p>Other governing body responsibilities: (Present and Past)</p> <p>Presbytery of Southern New England, Presbytery of Boston, Northeast Non-Geographic Presbytery, Capitol Area Presbytery</p>
<p>Special skills, knowledge, expertise in relevant areas and computer competency include language(s) other than English: Fluent in Korean and Hanja Chinese (co-native fluency with English), Major in Catholic and Reformation Theology, Specialized in European History 1517-1648 (Reformation era)</p>
<p>Community involvement: (Name no more than three):</p>

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

Conservative

Moderate

**Liberal**

Why did you place yourself on the spectrum where you did?

Labels can be divisive, but it is important that I not be lukewarm. For the Lord says that there is nothing worse than being lukewarm. It is my duty as a Christian to love liberally and everyone without hesitation. That means the most broken of us. I have to ask myself which theology provides for the poor? For the most broken or ostracized in our world? Especially in the light of oppression that we as Christians have been guilty of perpetuating. It is in modern liberation theology I find these answers and my charge to seek justice for everyone. This shouldn't be an issue of labels, but I have come to associate this theology with certain people who identify with the label chosen above. So if I am liberal because I seek justice and love on earth through the love of Christ for everyone then I am fine with the inevitable sore eyes I will get from those on the other end of the spectrum....also theology is not stagnant nor should the original standards from 2000 years ago define the absolute laws of the Church now. At the point at which we believe in equity and not complementarianism then we need to be liberal in the way the Church is governed.

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: 1.) The issue of church stewardship among more conservative congregations and the claimed biblical authority to leave PC USA. 2.) The continued focus on social justice within the Church becoming a living witness instead of “guilty allyship”. I am from a church that split into two during my formative years due to the congregation splitting among Pro-PC USA and Anti- PC USA lines. It left me with a deep sense of mission to keep churches in PC USA and together. I deny the arguments made by those seeking dismissal from the denomination under their claimed “biblical authority and theology” on the basis it destroys the sacred theology of stewardship and brotherly bonds. Secondly, I have seen so many churches in this denomination espouse progressive beliefs without really doing anything beyond optics to support their causes. The church continues to disconnect with my generation not because religion is becoming uncool or more progressive, but because the church maintains a pseudo progressive façade that only marginalizes minorities such as myself and makes it harder for us to feel the presence of the living in God in a congregation. I grew up in a Korean congregation where due to my mixed status I was made to feel inferior by blood. I attended services at a majority white congregation where the same discrimination occurred in reverse. It was only in college when I attended Providence Presbyterian in Providence, RI was I considered a person in my own right, in the image of God. It is through multiculturalism and pluralism that we find God, not in the segregatory churches that have come to make up to much of our denomination.

Please indicate why you want to represent National Capital Presbytery at the General Assembly:

It is my home. It is my home because I found belonging and care in a Presbytery and Church that put justice and God’s love above all else. The GA will determine whether we move forward as a church and continue to welcome people like me or whether it takes steps back and leave those who sought shelter, justice, love, and mercy behind. I want to see a church that is uncompromising in its stand for justice and equity, but loving enough to welcome back the wayward congregations that oppose the movement for greater justice blindly with open arms. I want to go because the Capitol Presbytery is one of the more diverse Presbytery’s in the country and it should be touted as a vision for continued diversification and reconciliation. These issues matter to me, will determine the future of the Presbytery, and the future of the denomination. I want to represent the voices of the Presbytery as it forges its way into a more equitable Church for all of God’s children. And I also want to help put a face to a changing church who needs to continue to seek justice.

A commissioner to 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**
- When possible, 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**
- Able to use computer before and during GA. **Yes**

I agree to be a nominee:          Edward Vere Walrod (Do Woo Jeong)
Moderator or Clerk of Session: (Ruling Elders and YAADs must be nominated by the Session of their church) Roger J. Gench (Moderator), Alice Tewell (sub-Moderator) and Miriam Dewhurst (Clerk)
October 10, 2017

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Send the form electronically to Jochebed Jordan, Chair of Nominating Committee, at  
[jochebedjordan@comcast.net](mailto:jochebedjordan@comcast.net)

- Elders and those seeking to be YAADs will complete the form and send it electronically to their Clerk or Moderator of Session. The Clerk or Moderator shall complete the form after the Session has endorsed the nomination and send the form 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 cursor 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.**