

# National Capital Presbytery

## Ruling Elder Commissioner to 2018 General Assembly

### Nomination Form

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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: 9/12/17		
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Year of Ordination: 1989 - First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, FL	Year your church was last represented by a Commissioner at GA: unknown	
Previous Commissioner to GA? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If Yes, what year:	What Presbytery:

Age Range:		Racial Ethnic Identity:	
		African-American (AfrA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
26-35	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian-American (AA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
36-64	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hispanic/Latino (H/L)	<input type="checkbox"/>
65+	<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle Eastern (ME)	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Native American (NA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male	Caucasian (C)
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Other (O) (Please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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.

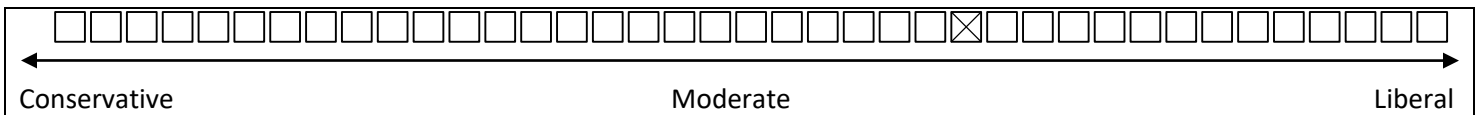
In the past two years, how often have you attended Presbytery meetings? 3
Local church responsibilities: (Past and Present) past Chair, present member, Commission to Community (mission), past nominating committee, past Director of Christian Education Search Committee
Presbytery responsibilities: (Past and Present) Present Chair, 4-year member, Mission Coordination

Committee
Other governing body responsibilities: (Present and Past) Co-chair US Coral Reef Task Force Climate Change Working Group, International Paleodata System Lead and Data Board Chair for International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme-Past Global Changes, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program Strategic Evaluation and Assessment Team, Program Manager at NOAA Climate and Global Change Program
Special skills, knowledge, expertise in relevant areas and computer competency include language(s) other than English: environmental sciences expert (oceanographer), competent in wide range of computer skills
Community involvement: (Name no more than three): present Director of volunteer deer management program, past director of bicycling program for at-risk youth, past Scoutmaster

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 feel the Bible speaks to us all as a living document. We need to listen for how God's message answers the needs presented by the modern world. I am far more open to Jesus' message of love and forgiveness than Old Testament judgement.

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: We are far short of being a post-racial society and have created a great divide filled with mistrust. We have been poor stewards of God's Creation. These are but two cases in which we have horribly misused Scripture to justify our own greed. It is time to look to the truth in Scripture to be God's hands to heal the damage we have caused.

Please indicate why you want to represent National Capital Presbytery at the General Assembly: In my role as Chair of NCP's Mission Coordination Committee, I have seen how important decisions made at GA can be for how our churches work in the world. GA also serves to demonstrate where our true priorities lie as a denomination. I've been involved in the passage of overtures to GA at Presbytery and feel called to represent NCP at the national level.

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

- 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 National Capital Presbytery's Bills and Overtures Committee after the General Assembly meeting.  Yes
- Able to use computer before and during GA.  Yes

I agree to be a nominee: Yes
Moderator or Clerk of Session: (Ruling Elders and YAADs must be nominated by the Session of their church) Kate Addo
Date of Session Action: 9/18/17

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 Ruling 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 to Jochebed Jordan.
- 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.**