National Capital Presbytery

Ruling 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: 06/21/17			
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Year of Ordination: 1999	Year your church was last represented by a Commissioner at GA: Never		
	by a Ruling Elder, Teaching elder - 2008		
Previous Commissioner to GA?	If Yes, what year:		What Presbytery:

Age Range:			Racial Ethnic Identity:	
			African-American (AfrA)	
26-35			Asian-American (AA)	
36-64	\square		Hispanic/Latino (H/L)	
65+			Middle Eastern (ME)	
			Native American (NA)	
Gender:	🛛 Female	Male	Caucasian (C)	\square
			Other (O)	
			(Please specify)	

Do you consider yourse	f to be a person with a	a disability 🗌 Yes	🛛 No
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Do you require special accommodations of any kind?	🗌 Yes	🛛 No	If Yes, what kind.
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In the past two years, how often have you attended Presbytery meetings? 4-5

Local church responsibilities: (Past and Present) Transforming Congregations Team lead, Vision Team, Affordable Housing team Lead, Building and Grounds chair, Worship committee chair, Choir, Liturgist, Advent and Lenten bible study leader

Presbytery responsibilities: (Past and Present) Administrative Commission, Care Team - Listening ministry,

Administrative Commission on Congregational Property (current)

Other governing body responsibilities: (Present and Past) Member, Board of Directors, Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation, Development Committee Chair, Shalem, Churchill Road PTA, President and other leadership positions

Special skills, knowledge, expertise in relevant areas and computer competency include language(s) other than English: Spiritual Director

Community involvement: (Name no more than three): Community Bible Study, Small group leader; Public School volunteer

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? I am entirely supportive of the recent decision regarding gay marriage and gay ordination. I am solidly pro-choice and seek justice for all humans especially in the areas of education, homelessness, hunger and health. That being said, I have spent significant time in the company of more conservative brothers and sisters and believe I can listen to their stories and hear where we disagree without judging or condemning. I believe Christ is the Way which to me means Love is the Way. I believe we would all benefit from recognizing where we can agree and focusing on that, on how we represent unity, rather than allowing our differences to divide us.

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: I am deeply concerned with the future of the Church and how we are being invited to reimagine our ministry. I am concerned with the way we are no longer relevant among the young people in our world and desire to listen to new ways of being church that meet people where they are. I am a member of a church that recently sold its 80+ year old building to a developer for affordable housing in South Arlington. I am a member of the vision team who discerned this call from God to be stewards of our resources in new and unique ways. I continue to lead the team who is discerning "what's next?" for our congregation and how we are called to be a faithful presence in our community. My concern for the church is my concern for how we share the Love of Christ in new and more relational, intentional ways. Love is not irrelevant. How can that be the important path for the church?

Please indicate why you want to represent National Capital Presbytery at the General Assembly: Having served at the local level in significant ways and also being a member of the ACCP of NCP, I have an appreciation for the structures that govern the Presbyterian Church. General Assembly is the next level of governance to explore. In addition, I am a spiritual director by vocation and have wondered how the ministry of spiritual direction might be used at GA. I would like to experience GA personally in order to more fully

understand how to offer the gifts of spiritual direction there.

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. X 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: Susan Robbins Etherton

Moderator or Clerk of Session: (Ruling Elders and YAADs must be nominated by the Session of their church) Kristl Hathaway

Date of Session Action: July 9, 2017

Send the form **electronically** to Jochebed Jordan, Chair of Nominating Committee, at 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 <u>Jochebed Jordan</u> 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 <u>Jochebed Jordan</u>.
- 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.