

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 15, 2017		
Name: Rev. James Brassard		
Street Address: 4701 Ramsgate Lane		
City, State, ZIP: Bowie, MD 20715		
Local Church You Serve: Christian Community Presbyterian, Bowie MD If Member-at-large, what Ministry?		Member of NCP Since: 7/2004
Phone Home: 301 352-0075	Work: 301-262-6008	Cell: 240-620-3943
Email: ccpcpastor@verizon.net		
Year of Ordination: 9/9/1984	Year your church was last represented by a Commissioner at GA: Elder Charles Tanner in 1984. No serving pastors in congregations history	
Previous Commissioner to GA? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If Yes, what year:	What Presbytery:

Age Range:		Racial Ethnic Identity:	
26-35	<input type="checkbox"/>	African-American (AfrA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
36-64	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Asian-American (AA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
65+	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hispanic/Latino (H/L)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male		Middle Eastern (ME)	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Native American (NA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
		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? Always unless it conflicts with Continuing Education or scheduled vacations
Local church responsibilities: (Past and Present) Pastor, CCPC 7/2004-present; Pastor, Wayne Presbyterian Church in Wayne, NJ 6/1989 to 7/2004; Pastor, Highland UP, Slippery Rock, PA 9/9/1984 to 6/1989

Presbytery responsibilities: (Past and Present) 2013-present: Vice Moderator, Nominating Committee; 2007-20013 Member of Committee on Preparation for Ministry; served one year on Representation Committee 2009

Other governing body responsibilities: (Present and Past) Commissioner, Synod of the Northeast and Chair of Stewardship Council 1998-1999

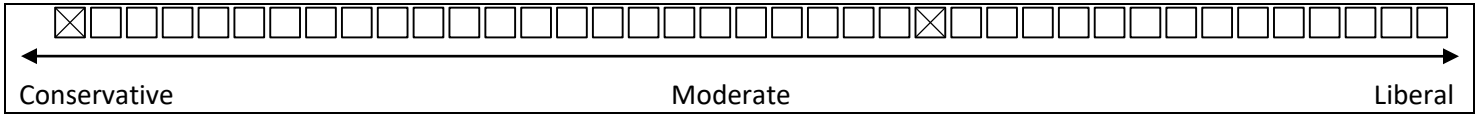
Special skills, knowledge, expertise in relevant areas and computer competency include language(s) other than English:

Community involvement: (Name no more than three): President, Interfaith Council of Southern Prince Georges County: Past President, Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry, Member, Bowie Interfaith Rec Council and Member, Bowie Housing Program

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 vote and contribute and work on local and statewide political campaigns. My wife is a healthcare policy expert at AARP. . I serve on boards that advocate and provide servies for addiction, homelessness, hunger, and improving public education. I am committed to inclusiveness. My congregation is increasingly multicultural and this greatly enriches our fellowship. I am committed to reaching the next generation of Americans thourgh worship that is relevant and culturally sensitive (we have rock band for one service). I believe that the scriptures are the Word of God and must be taken seriously. People are very lonely and we must preach and live the Incarnational truth that God is with us.

I think the church must speak to the pressing issues of the day: climate change, racism, poverty, militarism, access to health care and education, and gun violence. This must be done without getting caught up in the partisan rancor of our time. This is hard work. The Presbyterian Church must be careful in the presecriptions they offer to issues of injustice. It is not helpful to take a vote on a complicated and controversial public issue--then make a declarative announcement when the vote is 52-48%. We are not Congress . What does scripture incline us to do? The church must be an agent of healing: body mind and soul. It must seek first to understand, before we seek to be understood.

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: The church must preach good news--not just offer good advice. Number one is reaching the next two generations of Americans. The Christian Church does not have an attractive image in America. It is often viewed by outsiders as racist, anti-gay, misogynistic, and anti-science (denial of climate change). Yet, there is a hunger to know Christ and be part of an authentic community that loves one another, and engages a hurting world with acts of compassion. The church will continue to seem irrelevant to people outside our walls if we are not engaged in making a real different.

Please indicate why you want to represent National Capital Presbytery at the General Assembly: I have never served as a commissioner to General Assembly. I attended part of the Assembly when it met in Baltimore. I love the worship. I enjoy working together with deeply committed fellowers of Jesus. I desire to connect with Presbyterians who serve Christ in other contexts. I don't have any pet issue that motivates my application. I think I bring a broad understanding and wealth of experience as a Teaching Elder. I love the Presbyterain Church and desire to serve it faithfully..

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

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.**