

SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC
Nomination Committee ZOOM Meeting
MINUTES
October 16, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

Moderator George Wilson called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. with prayer.

ATTENDANCE:

Present was Rachel Crumley (SHE), Mae Hall (NEW), Delores Parker (NHO), Charles Kincaid (WNC), George Wilson (CCC), Gerry Hendershot (NAT). Excused were Susanne Martin (ABI), Sarah Schulte (JAM) and Ray Mims (SAL). Absent was Michael Robinson (CHA), Todd Smith (BAL) Vanessa Gamble (EVA) Resigned. Staff present was Warren Lesane Jr. and Tami Scott. Visitors were Steve Mabie (COR-NHO) and Laura Hollister (Elect NAT SCOR)

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY:

Tami Scott, Synod Administrator served as recorder for this meeting. Future recorders will come from the SCOR committee.

QUORUM:

A quorum was not declared

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET:

There was a motion and approval of the docket.

MINUTES:

August 7, 2019 meeting minutes were approved.

MODERATORS REPORT:

George welcomed meeting participants and offered several updates. In an effort to fill vacancies, the committee should meet monthly to finish this task. He asked members to persist in contacting their presbyteries to provide nominees for the vacancies. He welcomed Steve Mabie, Co-Moderator of the synod Committee on Representation.

SCOR REPORT:

Steve Mabie thanked the committee for its efforts to fill vacancies. SCOR will meet February 6, 2020. They will review the COR reports that have been received. It would be helpful to communicate vacancies to COR along with job descriptions, how much time allotted for meetings and how often committee meetings occur. It was suggested that SCOR form relationships with presbytery COR/Nomination Committees.

OLD BUSINESS:

Synod Executive/Stated Clerk, Warren Lesane thanked the committee for their work and highlighted several topics and provided clarification.

- 1) He noted his attendance at most of the presbytery meetings with Charlotte, ABI and AKAP visits coming soon.
- 2) Letters have been sent to the Stated Clerks of AKAP, PEA, EVA presbyteries reminding them of the Synod Standing Rules relating to meeting unexcused absences. Two unexcused absences allows for replacement. The Stated Clerks were asked to replace Nomination Committee Members who have failed to participate. EVA presbytery has responded positively.
- 3) Under the guidance of the new moderator, the Synod Executive Committee will be meeting every other month. It has approved an action to invite the synod Nominating chair to be present for one of its meetings so to help strengthen this work.
- 4) It is not a requirement for the SCON to vote on presbytery commissioners. Presbyteries elect their commissioners according to agree upon terms of representation and send them to synod. The Nominating Committee has no authority to elect presbytery commissioners but can bless them if they wish.

UPDATES:

Abingdon Presbytery - Susanne Martin shares the following report and has requested to be excused from the October Nomination Committee Meeting. The Rev. Paul Min as agreed to serve on the SCON. He is AMTE and will serve in the class of 2021. The Rev. Ronald Gilmer agreed to serve on SPJC. He is WMTE and will serve in the class of 2025. Contact info is 276.628.3361 Church; 276.477.0000 cell. Rongilmer.pcusa@gmail.com. The SCON motioned and approved the submission of both nominees.

Atlantic Korean American Presbytery - C.S. Kim was nominated and approved from the 244th Assembly floor to serve on SPJC (2025 – AMRE).

Baltimore Presbytery - SCON committee member, TE Todd Smith has resigned.

Charlotte Presbytery: No Update

Coastal Carolina Presbytery: No vacancies exist

Eastern Virginia Presbytery: Clerk, John Tamm, shares that the moderator of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia's Nominations Committee, Ruling Elder William A. "Bill" Espich (Hidenwood), reports the following. The Presbytery's Nominations Committee met 10/08/2019 and, among other business, discussed the Synod email of September 30. Ruling Elder Vanessa Gamble (Denbigh United) was ready to resign from the Synod's Nominations Committee and wanted the opportunity to discuss the issue with Synod officers. She has agreed to serve thru December 2020 which, which fulfills her original commitment. The Presbytery's Nominations Committee will team with RE Gamble to fill Presbytery's commitments at the Synod level. With regard to an opening on the Synod COR Class of 2022: the Presbytery's Nominations Committee has that for action and will work to fill it before the end of this calendar year. The Nominations Committee's next meeting is scheduled for November 5th

James Presbytery: H. Carson Rhyne was nominated and approved from the 244th Assembly floor to serve on SPJC (2025- WMTE).

National Capital Presbytery: No vacancies.

New Castle Presbytery: New Castle Presbytery will meet (November 8th) to address SPJC vacancy (2025) though a male teacher elder of color comes up in rotation, finding this specific designation will be difficult. Warren shared that this is not a mandate, rather a suggestive need. Mae Hall will relay this information to the NEW stated clerk.

New Hope Presbytery: Tolukun Omokunde (NHO) was given the committee's blessing to serve a 2nd term. The Synod Stated Clerk shared that it is not the responsibility of the SNC to vote on synod commissioners. It is the presbytery's (Stated clerk or Nominating Committee) responsibility to provide commissioners to the synod with their contact information (i.e... address, cell/home phone, designation and email address). Dan Blue Jr. was approved at the 244th Assembly pending presbytery approval at their next meeting.

Peaks Presbytery: No Update.

Salem Presbytery: No vacancies.

Shenandoah Presbytery: No vacancies.

Western North Carolina Presbytery: Charles Kincaid currently serves on the SCON (2019-1). He has agreed to serve a 2nd term (2022-2).

The Synod Stated Clerk reports the following: **David Kang of AKAP** was emailed and followed up with a phone call in which a message was left. He was asked to replace TE Joon Kwon on Nomination Committee due to non-participation. He was informed of Standing Rules provisions that allows for replacement. He was asked to fill Jubilee Committee class 2021 and informed that RE CS Kim was elected to SPJC class of 2025. To date, there has been no response. **John Tamm of EVA** was sent an email and John replied almost immediately. A fuller report is listed under EVA. John was informed that TE Vanessa Gamble resigned from Nomination Committee and he was asked to fill COR Class of 2022. **John Wiederholt of PEA** was sent an email only and no reply at this point has been received. He was asked to replace RE Sandra Gisiner because she has been unreachable and served on the Nomination Committee. He too was informed about Synod Standing Rules and asked to fill SCOR Class of 2020 and Jubilee Fund Class of 2021.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion and approval for meeting adjournment. Prayer offered by Warren Lesane Jr. The next meeting of the Synod Nominating Committee will take place on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 2 p.m. via Zoom.

SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC
244TH Stated Meeting
Nomination Committee Report

PERMANENT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

NOMINATING COMMITTEE *(by presentation from the Executive Committee)*

Class of 2022	Vacant		AKAP
Class of 2020	Jacob Snowden	WMTE1	Baltimore
Class of 2022	Vacant		Charlotte
Class of 2020	Vanessa Gamble	WFRE2	Eastern Virginia
Class of 2021	Laura Hollister	WFTE1	National Capital
Class of 2022	Mae Hall	BFRE2	New Castle
Class of 2021	Vacant		Peaks
Class of 2022	Charles Kincaid	BMRE2	Western NC

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION

Class of 2021	Paul Min	AMTE1	Abingdon
Class of 2022	Jamie Wilkins	BFRE1	Baltimore
Class of 2022	Vacant		Eastern Virginia
Class of 2022	George Hall	BMRE1	New Castle
Class of 2020	Vacant		Peaks
Class of 2022	Kaye Barrow-Ziglar	BFTE2	Salem
Class of 2021	Tom Holden	WMTE1	Shenandoah
Class of 2022	Vacant		Western NC

JUBILEE FUND

Class of 2021	Vacant		AKAP
Class of 2022	Vacant		Baltimore
Class of 2021	Vacant		Charlotte
Class of 2019	Charles Grant	WMTE1	James
Class of 2022	Charles Grant	WMTE2	James
Class of 2021	Vacant		Peaks
Class of 2022	Laqreshia Bates-Harley	BFRE1	Salem
Class of 2022	Stephanie Sorge	WFTE1	Shenandoah

SPJC

Class of 2025	Ronald Gilmer	WMTE	Abingdon
Class of 2025	CS Kim	AMRE	AKAP
Class of 2025	Vacant		Charlotte
Class of 2025	H Carson Rhyne	WMTE	James
Class of 2025	Charles Knox	BMRE	New Castle
Class of 2025	Dan Blue, Jr**	BMRE	New Hope

MODERATOR/VICE MODERATOR

2020 Moderator	Mawuna Gardesey	BMRE	New Castle
2020 Vice Moderator	Felicia Hardy	BFRE	New Hope

Current Vacancies:

Abingdon: NONE

Atlantic Korean American: CON – 2022; Jubilee – 2021;

Baltimore: Jubilee-2022

Charlotte: Jubilee – 2021; CON-2022, SPJC-2025

Coastal Carolina: NONE

Eastern Virginia: COR – 2022

James: NONE

National Capital: NONE

New Castle: NONE

New Hope: NONE

Peaks: CON – 2021; COR – 2020; Jubilee – 2021

Salem: NONE

Shenandoah: NONE

Western North Carolina: COR – 2022;

Codes:

A = Asian
Term

F = Female

RE = Ruling Elder

1 = First

B = Black
Second Term

M = Male

CRE = Commissioned Ruling Elder

2 =

C = Chinese

TE = Teaching Elder

H = Hispanic

W = White

** = Pending Presbytery Approval

SPJC = Synod Permanent Judicial Commission

SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC
Nomination Committee ZOOM Meeting
MINUTES
Wednesday, January 29, 2020 – 2pm

CALL TO ORDER:

Moderator George Wilson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with prayer given by CON member Jacob Snowden.

ATTENDANCE:

Present were: Rachel Crumley (SHEN), Mae Hall (NEW), Sarah Schulte (JAM), Vanessa Gamble (EVA), George Wilson (CC), Jacob Snowden (BAL) and Ray Mims (SAL). Staff present was Warren Lesane Jr.

EXCUSED:

Delores Parker (NHO), Eun Gee Jun (AKAP)

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY:

Vanessa Gamble recorder for this meeting.

QUORUM:

A quorum was declared.

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET:

There was a motion (Sarah Schulte; Warren Lesane, Jr.) and approval of the docket.

MINUTES:

The November 20, 2019 meeting minutes were approved (Ray Mims; Mae Hall).

MODERATORS REPORT:

George Wilson welcomed all attending the meeting and mentioned the expected was not present. Also stated Susanne Martin (ABI) has resigned.

UPDATES BY PRESBYTERY:

The following updates were given:

ABI - No update/Vacancies exist

AKAP- No update/Vacancies exist

BAL - No vacancies exist

CHA - No update/Vacancies exist

CCC - No vacancies exist

EVA - No vacancies exist

JAM - No vacancies exist

NAT - No update/Vacancies exist

NEW - No vacancies exist

NHO – No update/No vacancies exist

PEA - No update/No vacancies exist

SAL - No vacancies exist; Ray Mims' term is ending, replacement will be needed

SHEN- No vacancies exist; Rachel Crumley's term is ending, replacement will be needed

WNC - No update/Vacancies exist

Vacant position listed below:

COR (Class of 2022) VACANT

*Note: Presbyteries that were not present at the meeting their information was taken from the Consolidated Roster.

DISCUSSION:

- George Wilson reported the SYNOD Committee on Representation will meet on Thursday, February 6, 10am-3pm.
- Warren Lesane stated the meeting will be a ZOOM meeting.
- Vice Moderator rotation explained by Warren Lesane using the schedule for 1991-2032.

REPORT FROM SYNOD STAFF-Warren Lesane, Jr.:

- Warren Lesane welcomed and thanked everyone for their commitment to the Nominating Committee. He is very happy to report the majority of the vacancies are filled.
- Mid-February a 90 minute ZOOM meeting SYNOD Orientation will be held for new committee members/commissioners and those who have not previously participated in an orientation.
- Shared information about the Emersion Montgomery Trip. Eight people from nine Presbyteries will be attending. The trip, funded by the SYNOD and New Castle Presbytery, will include visits to the Legacy Museum, the National Memorial.
- Explained what areas encompasses Matthew 25: racism (pushback in this area), poverty, vital congregation.
- Shared highlights from trip to Thailand.
- Shared details around the SYNOD Assembly at Massanetta Springs March 13-March 14.

- Explained Nominating Form and stated descriptions of all committees are on the SYNOD website.

No further discussion; SYNOD report, Chair to act on Committee's behalf. Motion (Sarah Schutte; Rachel Crumley) Passed.

Sara Schutte asked to be excused to pickup her children.

OTHER DISCUSSION:

- Moderator Wilson asked for input around the Consolidated Roster. Positive feedback received from committee members; form will continued to be used.
- Moderator Wilson asked for input about a possible face-to-face meeting of the Nominating Committee at the SYNOD office in the near future. It was suggested the Summer months be avoid since this is the time people travel.
- There was some discussion about the Senate meeting in September 14 or 15. Dates would be confirmed at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mae Hall closed the meeting in prayer at 2:55pm.

The next meeting of the Synod Nominating Committee will take place on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 2 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vanessa Gamble
PEVA