

## **S6.5 MODERATORIAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

### **NAME**

S6.5.1 The General Council will establish a Moderatorial Nominating Committee (the Committee) no later than the first meeting of the General Council in the year prior to the Synod meeting at which the incumbent Moderator's term of office expires.

### **PURPOSE**

S6.5.2 The purpose of the Committee is to seek nominations of people who can provide leadership as Moderator of the Synod and as Chairperson of the Presbytery.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

S6.5.3 The Committee will comprise seven members:

- (i) each of the Presbytery Regions will be invited to submit two names to the General Council from which a total of four members will be chosen by the General Council;
- (ii) three additional members will be appointed by the General Council, at least one of whom will be the ex-Moderator who will act as convener. Should the ex-Moderator not be available the General Council will determine the convener;
- (iii) as far as possible, a ministerial/lay, gender, and age balance should be achieved.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

S6.5.4 The Committee will:

- (a) Encourage people to discern their call to be Moderator.
- (b) Receive from General Council the needs and issues of the Synod for the next triennium to be considered alongside a person's gifts and skills, inviting submissions from Boards, Commissions, Committees and Working Groups.
- (c) Receive nominations according to the provisions of clause S6.5.5.
- (d) Treat all information as confidential. No member of the Committee shall divulge any information relating to any of the nominated candidates except as provided under S6.5.3f (i), (ii). This will include parties to the nomination.
- (e) Provide regular updates to General Council including any difficulties they are encountering.
- (f) After appropriate conversations the Committee will:
  - (i) submit the names of all candidates to the meeting of Synod who have demonstrated they can work within the visions and needs of the church for the relevant triennium;
  - (ii) ensure the profile statements concerning the candidates are circulated with reports prior to the meeting of Synod;
  - (iii) report to the meeting of Synod on the criteria determined by General

Council.

**NOMINATIONS FOR MODERATOR**

- S6.5.5 (a) Nominations will be made by completion of the form provided by the Committee and may be submitted to the Committee by:
- (i) the Presbytery;
  - (ii) the Presbytery Regions;
  - (iii) congregations and other Church bodies; or
  - (iv) any two confirmed members of the Church.
- (b) The closing date for nominations will be determined by the General Council.
- (c) The Committee may seek other candidates.
- (d) Should any member of the Committee be nominated, that person will stand aside and a replacement member will be appointed by the General Council.
- (e) The Committee will request candidates to provide profile statements and to provide information on the extent of their availability and how they propose to work within the vision and needs of the church for the relevant triennium in fulfilling the role of Moderator.