

P2.5 ELECTION OF PRESBYTERY BODIES

PRESBYTERY NOMINATING COMMITTEE

P2.5.1 The Presbytery Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Presbytery or its Standing Committee.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

P2.5.2 The responsibilities of the Nominating Committee will be:

- (a) to review the membership of bodies appointed by the Presbytery;
- (b) to prepare nominations for bodies elected by the Presbytery;
- (c) to make any recommendations to the Presbytery which will assist the Presbytery to make wise use of the people resources of the Church in the work of those committees or commission;
- (d) to ensure that the nominations submitted to the Presbytery are representative of men, women, and rural people and young people;
- (e) to arrange any ballots required by the Presbytery.

NOMINATIONS LISTS

- P2.5.3
- (a) Each body will forward to the Nominating Committee a list of suggested nominations at least six (6) weeks prior to the commencement of the annual Presbytery meeting together with such biographical and other information about the suitability for the role, length of service, eligibility for re-election and date due for retirement as will assist the Nominating Committee in bringing recommendations to the Presbytery.
 - (b) Presbyteries, church councils and members of the Presbytery will forward to the Nominating Committee at least one month prior to the commencement of the annual Presbytery meeting any suggested nominations for membership of anybody together with such information as will assist the Committee in bringing recommendations to the Presbytery.
 - (c) The Nominating Committee may add further names to the list of suggested nominations.
 - (d) From the suggested nominations received, the Nominating Committee will prepare nominations to be considered by the Presbytery after the consent of the persons named has been secured. The list of nominations will be distributed to the members of Presbytery at least one week before the Presbytery meeting commences.
 - (e) If the nominations prepared for the Presbytery include a variation to the list of suggested nominations submitted by any committee, the Nominating Committee will advise that body.
 - (f) After receipt of the list of nominations prepared by the Nominating Committee, any two members of the Presbytery may, with the consent of the person nominated, make further nominations for any committee or commission any time before the time set by the Presbytery for the close of nominations. Each nomination will include biographical information to assist the Presbytery.

BALLOTS

P2.5.4 Where there are more nominations than members required the Nominating Committee will arrange for a ballot to be conducted.

ELECTIONS

- P2.5.5 (a) After any necessary ballots have been conducted, the Nominating Committee will submit a final list of recommended appointments to the Presbytery for election.
- (b) All elections to bodies will take effect at the rising of the Presbytery except when otherwise provided in the Rules or determined by the Presbytery.

LIMITATION OF TERM OF OFFICE

- P2.5.6 (a) No convener or chairperson of a Presbytery body will hold office for more than ten years unless the Presbytery has provided otherwise or specifically agrees that the period be extended, and then only for a specified time. A convener or chairperson who has completed a maximum term will be eligible for re-election after an interval of two years.
- (b) No member of a Presbytery body, other than an ex-officio member, will hold membership of that committee or commission for more than ten years without the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and the specific approval of the Presbytery. A member who has completed a maximum term will be eligible for re-election after an interval of two years.

FAILURE TO ATTEND

- P2.5.7 Should a member fail to attend three (3) of consecutive meetings without notice or apology, the person shall cease to be a member of the body, Presbytery Standing Committee be advised and the vacancy filled.