

S6.5 MODERATORIAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

NAME

S6.5.1 The Synod Standing Committee will establish a Moderatorial Nominating Committee (the Committee) no later than the first meeting of the Synod Standing Committee 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.

MEMBERSHIP

S6.5.3 The Committee will comprise:

- (a) (i) Each of the Presbytery regions will be invited to submit two names to Presbytery. Using regional and any other nominations Presbytery is to submit 6-9 names to the Synod Standing Committee from which a total of four members will be chosen by the Synod Standing Committee;
- (ii) Three additional members will be appointed by the Synod Standing Committee.
- (b) (i) The Synod Standing Committee shall appoint the ex-Moderator to act as convenor. Should the ex-Moderator not be available the Synod Standing Committee will determine the convenor;
- (ii) The Synod Standing Committee may appoint two persons to co-convene the Committee if required, in which case the Committee will have an additional member.
- (c) Consideration should be given to ministerial/lay, metro/rural, gender, CALD, age and Uniting Aboriginal & Islander Christian Congress representation.

RESPONSIBILITIES

S6.5.4 The Committee will:

- (a) Encourage people to discern their call to be Moderator;
- (b) Receive from the Synod Standing Committee the needs and issues of the Synod for the next triennium to be considered alongside a person's gifts and skills;
- (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 S6.5.4(f) (i), (iii). This will include parties to the nomination;
- (e) Provide regular updates to the Synod Standing Committee including any difficulties which may be encountered;
- (f) After appropriate conversations the Committee will:
 - (i) submit to the meeting of Synod the names of all candidates who have demonstrated they can work within the visions and needs of the church for the relevant triennium;

- (ii) two or more names shall be submitted to the meeting of the Synod;
- (iii) ensure the profile statements concerning the candidates are circulated with reports prior to the meeting of Synod;
- (iv) report to the meeting of Synod on the criteria determined by Synod Standing Committee.

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 Synod Standing Committee.
- (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 Synod Standing Committee.
- (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.