

## **S2.3 ELECTION OF SYNOD BODIES**

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

S2.3.1 The Nominating Committee appointed by the Synod will:

- (a) review the membership of committees, councils, commissions and boards appointed by the Synod;
- (b) prepare nominations for those committees, councils, commissions and boards elected by the Synod;
- (c) make any recommendations to the Synod which will assist the Synod to make wise use of the people resources of the Church in the work of committees, councils, commissions and boards;
- (d) ensure that the nominations submitted to the Synod are representative of men, women and young people, gender, age, lay/ordained and city/rural; and
- (e) arrange any ballots required by the Synod.

### **NOMINATIONS LISTS**

- S2.3.2
- (a) Each committee, council, commission or board will forward to the Nominating Committee a list of suggested nominations at least six (6) weeks prior to the commencement of an ordinary Synod meeting together with such biographical and other information concerning the length of service, eligibility for re- election and date due for retirement as will assist the Nominating Committee in bringing recommendations to the Synod.
  - (b) The Presbytery, church councils and members of the Synod will forward to the Nominating Committee at least one month prior to the commencement of the annual Synod any suggested nominations for membership of any committee, council, commission or board together with such biographical information as will assist the Committee in bringing recommendations to the Synod.
  - (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 Synod after the consent of the persons named has been secured. The list of nominations will be distributed to the members of Synod at least one week before the Synod meeting commences.
  - (e) If the nominations prepared for the Synod include a variation to the list of suggested nominations submitted by any committee, council, commission or board, the Nominating Committee will advise that committee, council, commission or board.
  - (f) After receipt of the list of nominations prepared by the Nominating Committee, any two members of the Synod may, with the consent of the person nominated, make further nominations for any committee, council, commission or board at any time before the time set by the Synod for the close of nominations. Each nomination will include biographical information to assist the Synod.

**BALLOTS**

- S2.3.3 Where there are more nominations than members required the Nominating Committee will arrange for a ballot to be conducted.

**ELECTIONS**

- S2.3.4 (a) After any necessary ballots have been conducted, the Nominating Committee will submit a final list of recommended appointments to the Synod for election.
- (b) Where there are not more nominations than members required, elections by Synod are only effective after agreement of Synod. All elections to committees, councils, commissions and boards will take effect at the rising of the Synod except when otherwise provided in the By-Laws or determined by the Synod.

**VACANCIES**

- S2.3.5 Any general vacancy (that is, a vacancy which the Synod failed to fill) or casual vacancy (that is, a vacancy that occurs because an elected member resigns during their term of office) may be filled (possible options):
- (a) by the Synod Standing Committee on the advice of the Nominating Committee for the balance of the term left unfilled; **OR**
- (b) by the Nominating Committee for the balance of the term left unfilled; **OR**
- (c) by the committee, council, commission or board concerned for the balance of the term left unfilled.

**LIMITATION OF TERM OF OFFICE**

- S2.3.6 (a) No convener or chairperson of a Synod committee, council, commission or board will hold office for more than ten years unless the Synod 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 Synod committee, council, commission or board, other than an ex-officio member, will hold membership of that committee, council, commission or board for more than ten years without the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and the specific approval of the Synod. A member who has completed a maximum term will be eligible for re-election after an interval of two years.

**Note:** *The Synod has declared that the effective date for the purposes of By-Law 2.3.5 is 10 October 1977.*