



## **S6.5 Moderatorial Nominating Committee By-Law**

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### **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 (a) The Committee will be appointed by the Standing Committee and will comprise up to nine members including:
- (i) A minimum of three members chosen from the names submitted by the Presbytery (up to nine names for consideration); and ;
  - (ii) Up to three additional members.
  - (iii) The ex-Moderator who shall act as convenor. Should the ex-Moderator not be available the Synod Standing Committee will determine the convenor;
  - (iv) A co-convenor, if the Synod Standing Committee considers that it is necessary to appoint two persons to co-convene the Committee.
- (b) Consideration should be given to ministerial/lay, metro/rural, gender, Culturally And Linguistically Diverse (CALD), age and Uniting Aboriginal & Islander Christian Congress representation.
- (c) Presbytery will be invited to submit six to nine names for consideration to be appointed as members of the Committee.

### **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.