

Presbytery of the Highlands
Stated Meeting
Nominating Committee Report
November 9, 2021

NOMINATIONS for 2022

Nominating Committee NOMINATED by ACT

Class of 2022

- **Rev. Amy Lincoln (A) (Flemington/Presbyterian)**
- **Rev. Tex Culton (A) (HR)**

Class of 2023

- **Rev. Barbara Aspinall (A)(Gillette/Meyersville/Stirling/First)
(Moderator)**
- **Vacant**

Class of 2024

- **Rev. James Scovell (B) (Washington/First)**
- **Elder Lisa Gray (B) (Stewartsville/Old Greenwich)**

Administration and Coordinating Team

The Team is responsible for:

- Coordinating the work of the Presbytery
- Continuing to explore vision for the Presbytery's journey
- Serving as the interpreter for the ministry and mission of the Presbytery
- Organizing Presbytery meetings (planning, content and worship)
- Telling our story and communication
- Preparing the annual budget
- Overseeing the books, records and accounts of the Presbytery
- Encouraging the generosity of congregations
- Nominating the nominating committee
- Overseeing matters of personnel in relation to paid and volunteer staff

- Providing oversight of all continuing mission partnerships
- Relating to all other councils of the church

9 elected members for 3-year term, plus Current Moderator, Vice Moderator and immediate past Moderator. Staff resource: Presbytery Leader (PL) and Stated Clerk (SC)

Administration and Coordinating Team (ACT)

- Class of 2022
 - **Rev. Kathi Heath (B) (Chatham/Ogden Memorial)**
 - **Elder David "Pete" Peterson (A) (Califon/Fairmount)**
 - **Rev. Chad Rodgers (B) (Califon/Lower Valley)**
 - Rev. David Young (Newton/First) (Past Moderator)
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- Class of 2023
 - **Vacant**
 - **Elder Scott Riker (A) (Long Valley/Highlands)**
 - **Rev. David Harvey (A) (Blairstown/First) co-moderator**
 - **Rev. Tracey Henry (Clinton/Presbyterian) (Moderator 2022)**
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- Class of 2024
 - Rev. Roberto Fois (A) (Warren/Trinity United)
 - **Elder John Hellriegel (B) (Chester/Community)**
 - **Rev. Tom Brown (Chatham/Presbyterian) – Vice Moderator**
 - **Rev. Brad Morgan (A) (Lambertville/Second English)**

Property and Insurance Team

The Property and Insurance are responsible for:

- matters that deal with real estate:
 - historic grants
 - loans and loan guarantees
 - emergency capital loans
 - sale and rental of church property
 - manse and church building inspections
 - Presbytery property and offices

- management of the Presbytery's investments according to the Presbytery's Investment Policy
- insurance and risk management
- Legal issues pertaining to real property.
- Developing and maintaining the Property and Insurance team Manual of Operations

6 elected for 3-year term, plus members co-opted as necessary.

Property and Insurance Team

Class of 2022

- **Rev. Scott Bohr (B)– (Philipsburg/Harmony) (co-moderator)**
- **Rev. Jen Van Zandt (B) (Boonton/First)**

Class of 2023

- **Elder Doug Smith (A) (Gillette/Meyersville)**
- Elder Alan Ford (A) (Pittstown/Bethlehem)

Class of 2024

- Vacant
- **Rev. Julie Raffety (B) (Franklin/First) (co moderator)**

The Congregational Development Team

The Church Development Team

- Assists congregations and new worshiping communities in discerning their story.
 - Challenge and nurture congregations that are engaged in transformation and redevelopment.
 - Partner with COM when congregations are in transition by providing oversight and guidance of the mission/discernment study with the interim pastor, congregation, and COM liaison, and approve the final document.
 - Oversee the development of new worshiping communities
- Assists congregations and new worshiping communities in writing their story.
 - Resource congregations engaged in developing ministry strategies

- Provide experiences of growth for congregational leaders
- Develop Missional Practices in congregations
- Assists congregations in writing their final chapter
 - When a congregation has made a decision to dissolve, walk with them through the process of closing (in conjunction with the Trustees and COM).
 - Resource congregations as they discern their legacy
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Church Development Team

Class of 2022

- **Rev. Ian Rankine (A) (Pluckemim/Presbyterian)**
- **Elder Colleen Duffy, (B) (Newton/First)**
- **Rev. Will Myers (A) (Frenchtown/Presbyterian)**

Class of 2023

- **Rev. Scott Foster (A) (Califon/Fairmount) (co-moderator)**
- **Rev. Chris Doyle, (A) (Berkshire Valley/First & Oak Ridge/Presbyterian)**
- Rev. Meredith Mueller-Bolton (A) (Mendham/First)

Class of 2024

- **Rev. Carie Morgan, (A) (Succasunna/First & Mine Hill/Presbyterian)**
- **Rev. Ninabeth Metcalf (A) (Allamuchy/Panther Valley) (co-moderator)**
- Rev. Nicholas Hatch (A) (Ringoes/Kirkpatrick)

Committee on Preparation

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) Nurtures and encourages those who are discerning God's call to ministry as Teaching Elders or Commissioned Ruling Elders.

3 classes with 3 each to a class.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM)

Class of 2022

- **Rev. Stephen Choi (B) (Stewartsville/Presbyterian)**

- **Rev. Dr. Nancy Young (B) (Rockaway/First)**

Class of 2023

- **Rev. Robert Radak (B) (HR) co-moderator**
- **Elder Susan Vigilante (B) (Morris Plains/Presbyterian)**

Class of 2024

- **Elder Donna Rahman (A) (Califon/Fairmount) co-moderator**
- **Rev. Jin Han (A) (Stockton/Presbyterian)**

Permanent Judicial Commission

D-5.0101 The General Assembly, each synod or cooperating synods, and each presbytery shall elect a permanent judicial commission from the ministers of the Word and Sacrament and ruling elders subject to its jurisdiction. Each commission shall be composed of ministers of the Word and Sacrament and ruling elders in numbers as nearly equal as possible. 3 classes/6 year terms

Class of 2023

- Elder Ray Smickle (Belvidere/United)
- Rev. Scott Foster (Califon/Fairmount)
- Rev. Dennis Jones (Basking Ridge/Presbyterian)
- Rev. Jeff Hatch (Branchville/First)
- Elder Alec Jain (Morris Plains/Presbyterian)

Class of 2025

- Rev. Barbara Aspinall (Gillette/Meyersville)
- Elder Donna Keoppel (Boonton/First) (co-clerk)
- Elder Stuart Ours (First/Washington) (co-moderator)
- Elder Mel Prestamo (Long Valley/Presbyterian)

Class of 2027

- Elder Jamie Evans (Flemington/Presbyterian) (co-clerk)
- Elder Darren Ochs (Hillsborough/Taiwanese/American Fellowship)
- Rev. David Harvey (Blairstown/First) (co-moderator)
- Rev. Linda Gaden (Pittstown/Bethlehem)

Committee on Ministry

The Committee on Ministry (COM) nurtures and cares for all minister members of the presbytery (both active and retired), Certified Christian Educators and Commissioned Ruling Elders while they are serving in the presbytery's congregations; the congregations of the Presbytery and parish-pastoral relationships.

24 elected members (Teaching and Ruling Elders) for 3-year term
The COM meets on the First Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm

Class of 2022

- Vacant
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- **Rev. Salvatore Seirmarco (B) (Chaplain)**
- **Elder Joe Martinoni (A) (Rockaway/First)**
- **Elder Kay Hurd (A) (Warren/Trinity United)**
- **Rev. Dr. Ellen Clark Clemot (A) (Chatham/Presbyterian)**

Class of 2023

- **Elder Jerry Chandler (A) (Newton/First)**
- **Elder Betty Darcy (A) (Morristown/Presbyterian)**
- **Elder Sherry Guthrie (B) (Morristown/Presbyterian)**
- **Rev. Ross Lang (B) (Cedar Knolls/Hilldale Park)**
- **Rev. Jacqui Van Vliet (A) (Madison/Presbyterian) (co moderator)**
- **Rev. Michael Atzert (A) (Chaplain)**
- **Elder Carol Skidmore (A) (Basking Ridge/Presbyterian)**
- **Rev. Dr. Maureen Paterson(A) (Basking Ridge/Presbyterian)**
- **Rev. Ben Fraumann (A) (Ringwood/Community Presbyterian)**

Class of 2024

- Vacant
- vacant

- **Rev. Caroline Jinkins (A) (Bedminster/Lamington)**
- **Elder Jeanne Perry(B) (Chester/Community Presbyterian)**
- **Elder Jean Bowers (B) (Washington/First)**
- **Rev. Dr. Patrick Sileo (B) (Sparta/First)**
- **Elder John Crozier (B) (Boonton/First) (co-moderator)**
- **Rev. Linda Gaden (A) (Pittstown/Bethlehem)**

Presbytery Officers - 2022

Ecclesiastical Officers

- Moderator – Rev. Tracey Henry
- Vice Moderator – Rev. Tom Brown
- Stated Clerk – Rev. Carl Wilton (Acting Stated Clerk)

Corporation Officers

- Treasurer – Elder Becky Moody (2019 -2023)
- **President of Corporation – Rev. David Harvey***
Term: ACT Moderator
- Secretary of the Corporation – *Rev. Scott Bohr
(Philipsburg/Harmony) Term: Trustee Moderator

Blair Academy Consultation Team

- Class of 2022
 - **Rev. David Young (B) (Newton/First)**
 - **Elder Erika Wulster (B) (Blairstown/First)**
- Class of 2023
 - **Elder Owen Newson (A) (Stanhope/First)**
 - **Rev. Barry Young (B) (Wantage/Beemerville)**

- Class of 2024
 - **Elder Barbara Morgan (B) (Berkshire Valley/First)**
 - **Rev. Jim Scovell (B) (Washington/First)**

Committee on Representation

6 members/3 classes

G -3.0103 - Councils above the session shall establish by their own rule committees on representation to fulfill the following functions:

- To advise the council regarding the implementation of the principles of unity and diversity
- To advocate for diversity in leadership
- And to consult with the council on the employment of personnel, in accordance with the principles of unity and diversity in F 0 1.0403.

The Highlands Committee on Representation shall be responsible for:

- Holding the Presbytery and its teams accountable to engaging in conversations and actions around diversity, inclusivity, unity, and racism.
- Fulfilling the Book of Order requirements as stated in G- 3.0103
- Setting the space for the Presbytery and teams to practice a new way of being church that welcomes, engages and values all voices at the table.

Book of Order

G-3.0103 The councils of the church shall give full expression to the rich diversity of the church's membership and shall provide for full participation and access to representation in decision-making and employment practices (f-1.0403). In fulfilling this commitment, councils shall give due consideration to both the gifts and requirements for ministry (G-2.0104) and the right of people in congregations and councils to elect their officers (F-3.0106)

Each council shall develop procedures and mechanisms for promoting and reviewing that body's implementation of the church's commitment to inclusiveness and representation. Councils above the session shall establish by their own rule committees on representation of principles of unity and diversity, to advocate for diversity in leadership, and to consult with the council on the employment of personnel, in accordance with the principles of unity and diversity in F-1.0403. A committee on representation should not

be merged with another committee or made a subcommittee or another committee

Synod of the Northeast Mission and Ministry Commission
Term

Class of 2024

- **Elder Lisa Gray (Stewartsville/Old Greenwich)**
- **Alternate Vacant**

Young Leader Formation Team
6 members/ 3 classes

The Young Leader Formation Team will focus on the spiritual formation and leadership development of youth and young adult leaders in our congregations and Presbytery.

The team is comprised of six Presbytery elected members, each with three-year terms. At least one member of the team should be 16 to 24 years of age. An additional member is to be a representative of Camp Johnsonburg, who will be appointed by the Johnsonburg Staff. This may be a staff person or a member of the Transforming Leaders ministry. This position will be appointed annually.

Responsibilities:

- facilitating/organizing/promoting youth and young adult participation in Triennium and other mission and learning focused events that nurture spiritual leaders who will shape the church in the future
- Providing for local leadership development and spiritual formation opportunities for youth and young adults.
- nurturing and supporting connections and networks of paid and unpaid leaders whose focus is youth and young adult ministry within the Presbytery.

Class of 2022

- Patrick Allred (A) (Morristown/Presbyterian)
- Rev. Christopher Scrivens (A) (Chester/Community Presbyterian)

Class of 2023

- Laura Choi (A) (Stewartsville/Presbyterian)
- Rev. Katherine Scott-Kirshner (A) (Sussex/First)

Class of 2024

- Amy Clarkson (A) (Denville/Union Hill)
- **Joann Willans (A) (Whippany/First)**

Johnsonburg Leader - TBD

NOMINATIONS STILL TO BE COMPLETED

- Johnsonburg Board of Directors (elected in November to begin January)
- Synod Commissioners (2022)
- Blair Academy Board of Trustees