

Nominating Committee

To start, I want to acknowledge the incredible volunteers of our regional council. The Nominating Committee is so overjoyed when we find a match for someone's gifts and skills with a committee that needs them, and for me, that's the most rewarding part of this work. We are so lucky to have so many of you answer the call to serve, often in multiple roles, and we understand the time commitment that is required for all your work.

A few years ago, when we underwent a change to how our church was structured, the belief was that we would need fewer volunteers to do all this important work. Today, the Nominating Committee is responsible for filling almost 100 positions across our committees for our region, work that has been made harder coming out of the pandemic in a time when people are reassessing where best to put their efforts.

We have tried and will continue to try new ways of reaching out and recruiting volunteers. We held our first open house over Zoom in the spring, which was a fun new way of reaching folks that we may not otherwise have. However, we know the best way to recruit volunteers is one-on-one contact, by phone or by email.

The full nominating slate is available in the Appendix of the workbook. Our slate is continually updated as new members step into new work, and throughout the year we add folks to committees with the approval of the regional council executive. We will continue to share new opportunities throughout the year on the website and through the weekly news, so keep your eyes peeled for work that may interest you and that you may find life-giving.

Our largest piece of work this fall was assembling a slate of dedicated folks to become General Council Commissioners. That slate will be up for consideration during this meeting, and know we considered long and hard who best to represent our region at this important time and place.

Prairie to Pine Nominating Committee consisted of Teresa Melnychuk, Frances Flook, Joey Dearborn, Betty Kelly, Marissa Smirl, and Harold Kenyon at various points along the church year. We are sad to have lost the gifts, skills, abilities, and levity that both Betty and Teresa brought to our committee, and we will sorely miss their contributions around our virtual table. We are also ably supported by Julie Graham, and Cherry Abad. We could not do our work without them and their technical expertise in the background. Julie's input about what the nominating committees in other regions are doing is an added gift.

The Nominating Committee would be delighted to talk with you further and help you discern where you might comfortably volunteer. Contact us at p2p.nominations@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted by

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