

Emailed to: those with a Church of Scotland email address, Session Clerks and members of the Nomination Committee – please forward this information and discuss with others

October 2021

Dear Colleagues

Opportunities to serve - nominations now open

All submissions need to be with us by Tuesday 30 November 2021. Due to the process involved, late submissions will not be considered.

Every year, opportunities arise for people from congregations of the Church of Scotland to engage in service through involvement on the Standing Committees (agencies of the “Unincorporated Entities”) of the Church. Being involved is an excellent way to get to know the Church better and a real opportunity for Christian service and witness. It is demanding yet rewarding work and I am writing to seek your active support in the process of finding the right people for the right jobs.

Details of the nomination process and a copy of the nomination form can be found on the [Nomination Committee](#) pages of the Church of Scotland website. Please think carefully about approaching people whose skills and experience will be of particular use to a given area of work and encourage them to complete a nomination form. We are very keen to ensure a broad representation, but we depend on people in congregations and presbyteries to help us identify who might be suitable. Your help in this process is essential and warmly welcomed.

Nominees do require to be a member of the Church of Scotland and all nominations must be supported by a third party as listed on the form. **All submissions need to be with us by Tuesday 30 November 2021.** Nominations will be considered carefully and treated confidentially.

The General Assembly in May 2021 challenged the Nomination Committee to do things differently this year and we have explored the ways in which we might advertise and promote the nominations process.

The Nomination Committee will also host a webinar-style online event Wednesday 17 November, 1pm-2pm, which will offer the opportunity for Q&A prior to the 30 November deadline for submissions. Further details will follow, including joining instructions, and we would encourage anyone who is considering nomination to join. If you have any questions in the meantime please send an email to nominations@churchofscotland.org.uk.

As set out in [Reg 1 2013 Nomination of the Moderator of the General Assembly](#) (as amended 2020), nominations are sought for the Committee to Nominate the Moderator. Please note, only ministers, deacons and elders may serve on this committee.

The Nomination Committee will meet on 2-3 February to consider the submitted forms. Those selected at this stage will be contacted following the meeting to seek permission for their name to go forward to the General Assembly for final approval.

Inevitably, not all proposed nominees will be asked to serve, though it is possible that they may be approached in connection with service on a Standing Committee other than the ones they have indicated a preference for. It would be helpful if you could explain this to those whom you nominate.

The Assembly Trustees hold responsibility for a separate process for the appointment of Assembly Trustees. Assembly Trustees shall consult with the Nomination Committee as to any comments which

the Committee wish to make on recommendations for appointment. Any appointment shall be made by the Assembly Trustees, subject to approval by the General Assembly.

Please also note that the Assembly Trustees are responsible for appointing members to the Church of Scotland's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Group (EDI). This being a sub-group of the Assembly Trustees and not a Standing Committee of the General Assembly. The nomination form for membership of Standing Committees should also be used by those who wish to be considered for membership of the EDI Group. Nomination Committee representatives will be invited sit on the selection panel.

Any queries on the nomination process should be emailed to nominations@churchofscotland.org.uk.

With grateful thanks for your kind consideration.

Yours sincerely



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Convener of the Nomination Committee

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Due to the current Coronavirus concerns, we are operating with most staff working from home in accordance with advice issued by the UK and Scottish Governments. We confirm that we will reply to your message as soon as we are able to do so. The dedicated email address nominations@churchofscotland.org.uk continues to be monitored on a part-time basis.

Further information and advice on a number of topics is available on the Church of Scotland website www.churchofscotland.org.uk including specific advice on various matters relating to the Coronavirus pandemic which can be found at <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/covid-19-coronavirus-advice>