



reference groups, work groups,  
task groups and special  
committees of the General  
Assembly be as listed (the list will  
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## Report

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### 1 Confirmation of Nominating Committee Membership

1.1 Together with the co-conveners, nominated by the Administration and Finance Policy Group, presbyteries, union district councils, Te Aka Puaho, Pacific Island Synod, Council of Asian Congregations together with:

- Northland: Mr Bruce Matheson
- North Shore: Rev Sherri Weinberg
- Auckland: Mr Tony Scott
- South Auckland: the Rev Uea Tuleia
- Waikato: Mr Michael Scott
- Bay of Plenty: Mrs Lois Rout
- Te Aka Puaho: to be advised
- Gisborne/Hawkes Bay: the Rev Howard Carter
- Taranaki: Rev David Anderson
- Wanganui/Manawatu: the Rev Steve Jourdain
- Wairarapa: no nomination
- Wellington: Mr Lio Fanaea O Paese
- Nelson/Marlborough: the Rev Johanna Warren
- Westland/Buller: no nomination
- Christchurch: Mrs Lydia McKinnon
- Ashburton: to be advised
- South Canterbury: the Rev Les Gosling
- North Otago/Dunedin: Mrs Janet Sim-Elder
- Clutha: the Rev Makesi Alatimu
- Maitai: the Rev John Ranstead
- Central Otago: Mr David Dittmer
- Southland: no nomination
- Association of Presbyterian Women: Mrs Julia Buckingham
- Pacific Island Synod: to be advised
- Council of Asian Congregations: to be advised.

1.2 This Committee has been working towards General Assembly and will continue to work during the Assembly as required to nominate personnel for Council of Assembly, sub-committees, reference groups and work groups along with any other groups that Assembly may require.

1.3 As always, finding volunteers who are appropriately skilled for the various groups is difficult and time-consuming.

### 2 Appointments Between Assemblies

2.1 In the period since the 2004 General Assembly the Nominating Committee has been involved in appointments to:

Administration and Finance Policy Group, Assembly Business Committee, Church Architecture Reference Group, Churches' Agency on Social Issues, Connecting with Society Policy Group, Doctrine Core Group, Council of Assembly, Leadership sub-committee, Personnel Work Group, Resource sub-committee.

- 2.2 The Nominating Committee was also consulted in the appointment of the Task Group to Review the General Assembly Meeting.

### **3 Website Project**

- 3.1 The co-conveners worked with the Communications Advisor/Webmaster to develop a website-based nominating process. This was used for the first two rounds of the election of the Moderator Designate. It was decided that electronic voting was not a realistic option because of the huge costs involved in the level of security that would be required to safeguard the system. Therefore the nomination process was web-based but the final vote for Moderator Designate was a postal vote.

- 3.2 The Nominating Committee sees the web-based nomination system as a mixed blessing. For some presbyteries and parishes it worked well but there are some difficulties with the website particularly for presbyteries and parishes in areas of the country where internet connection is slow and unreliable. The other difficulty is encouraging people to use the website. Not everyone is computer literate or wants to be.

- 3.3 The Nominating Committee believes the system has the potential to simplify some of the nominating processes but there needs to be much more publicity and encouragement for people to use it.

### **1 Nomination for Moderator Designate**

- 4.1 The process of seeking nominations from the Church resulted in the receipt of five nominations. The consent of all Nominees was sought and three declined nomination. The nominees for Moderator Designate were Peter Cheyne (6) and Graham Redding (6).
- 4.2 Following circulation of the names of nominees to parishes, presbyteries, union district councils and Te Aka Puaho for consideration and recommendation (ref. Book of Order Regulations 174, 348 and Appendix D8) the Assembly Executive Secretary informed the Nominating Committee of the final voting figures.

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