

E9: Nominating Committee

Recommendations

1. That the membership of national church committees, work groups and other nationally appointed bodies be as set out in the appendix to this report.

Terms of reference

The role of the Nominating Committee is to make nominations to the General Assembly for appointments and election to the church's national committees, work groups and other nationally appointed bodies.

The committee must act fairly and transparently to ensure, where possible, a balanced representation of appropriately skilled and experienced people who encompass the diversity of the Church.

Report

Since the last General Assembly, the Nominating Committee executive has handled all matters on behalf of the Nominating Committee. The executive consisted of Mr Neil Walker (convenor), Rev Anne Thomson, Rev Michelle Shin, Rev Steve Jourdain, Rev Heather Kennedy and Rev Robert Robati-Mani.

Since the last General Assembly, a Property Commission was established.

The Nominating Committee oversaw the process for the nomination of Moderator Designate for General Assembly.

The full Nominating Committee met in Wellington on Monday 10 October 2016 to decide on recommendations for committee membership from nominations received. The recommendations agreed at that meeting are presented as an appendix to this report. Further recommendations for committee and subgroup personnel may be made when this report is presented at Assembly.

Those retiring from their committee roles at this Assembly are thanked for their generous commitment of time and skill to the life of our Church. The following conveners and deputy conveners have completed their terms:

Rev Dr Colin Marshall (Council of Assembly convenor), Rev Dr Ron Mills (Resource Sub-committee deputy convenor), Rev Diane Gilliam Weeks (Leadership Sub-committee convenor), Dr Stephen Garner (Leadership Sub-committee deputy convenor), Dr Ian Dittmer (National Assessment Work Group deputy convenor), Rev Richard Gray (Assembly Business Work Group convenor), Mr David Ryan (Book of Order Advisory Committee convenor), Rev Dr Bruce Hamill (Doctrine Core Group convenor), Mr Neil Walker (Nominating Committee convenor).

Many decisions of governance and management being made in this Church are based on the high quality of experience, wisdom and practical good sense of our willing bands of volunteers, both clergy and laity, who serve God in this fashion. As a long term observer, I would say we have not allowed difficult theological or moral issues stop us cooperating and

working together for the good of the Church. That is the positive and tolerant way Presbyterians at this level should work on Church national bodies. Long may it continue.

As outgoing convenor, I want again to stress the need for the continuing refreshment of all roles on Assembly committees and work groups with younger, more ethnically diverse people. The church leadership in these committees needs to be more representative of the current face of the Church and to look forward, not backward, to what kind of nation New Zealand is becoming. With that in mind, we thoroughly recommend the new Asian, Pacifica and tangata whenua appointments included here, and urge the next Nominating Committee to continue to seek more ethnic diversity.

One issue that this Nominating Committee leaves for the future concerns the system of election of members for the Council of Assembly. The 2016 Assembly put into place a new system whereby regional presbyteries would put up three names from which one person was chosen by the Nominating Committee to serve on the Council. The Nominating Committee found that its work was hampered by the apparent inability of some presbyteries to provide timely, and varied, nominations for the Council as requested. The process produced significant changes in the composition of the Council of Assembly and compromised other rules around Council election and appointment. To appoint a highly effective and competent Council of Assembly is a key task for both the Nominating Committee and the Assembly so we believe more work is required to get this right. The matter of these rules comes up in the reporting back of the Special Legislative Process and we will be raising this matter at that time.

Neil Walker (convenor)

Nominating Committee: Appendix 1 Recommendations for appointment

Council of Assembly

Convenor: Jenny Flett 16/20; Deputy Convenor: Richard McLean 16/20

Representatives:

Hamish Galloway (Alpine Presbytery) 16/20, Wayne Ogden (Presbytery Central) 16/20, Jaco Reneke (Kaimai Presbytery) 16/20, Pauline Stewart (Northern Presbytery) 16/20, Tokerau Joseph (Southern Presbytery) 16/20, (Te Aka Puaho), Winston Timaloa (Pacific Islands Synod) 16/20, Hee Sook Rhee (Asian Ministries) 16/20, Anne Edgar (Resource Sub-committee) 14/18, Deborah Bower (Leadership Sub-committee) 16/20

Associates:

Richard Dawson (Moderator, General Assembly), Marina Rakuraku (Moderator, Te Aka Puaho), Karima Fai'ai (Moderator, Pacific Islands Synod), John Willis (Synod of Otago & Southland), Ray Coster (Church Property Trustees), Wayne Matheson (Assembly Executive Secretary).

Leadership Sub-committee

Convenor: Deborah Bower 16/20, Deputy Convenor: Paul Ramsay 16/20

Members:

Joyce Campbell 14/18, Margaret Garland 12/18, Jim Wallace 12/18, Steve Millward 16/20, Silvia Purdie 16/20, Micah Tang 16/20, Henry Mbambo 16/20

Associates:

Wayne Matheson (Assembly Executive Secretary), Brad Kelderman (Synod of Otago and Southland), Faye Apanui (Te Aka Puaho), Jane Poa (Pacific Islands Synod), Steve Taylor (Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership), Glen Pettigrove (Knox Centre Advisory Board)

Resource Sub-Committee

Convenor: Anne Edgar 14/18, Deputy Convenor: Diane Baird 16/20

Members:

Penelope Stevenson 14/18, Craig Donaldson 14/18, David Hall 12/18, Donovan Lind 16/20, Jae Ahn (Asian Ministries)16/20, Eli Elikana (Pacific Islands Synod)16/20

Associates:

Wayne Matheson (Assembly Executive Secretary), Brendan Sweeney (PCANZ Finance Manager), Fergus Sime (Synod of Otago and Southland), Ron Mills (Church Property Trustees) Helen Papanui (Te Aka Puaho)

National Assessment Work Group

Co-convenors: Douglas Bradley 14/18; Dorille Shadbolt 16/20

Members:

Sue Macaulay 12/18, Heather Simpson 12/18, Hana Popea 12/18, David McNabb 12/18, Ken Williams 12/18, Alastair McNaughton 14/18, Sun Mi Lee 14/18, Nyalle Paris 14/18, Norman MacLean 16/20, Chris Milham 16/20, Queenie Cairns (Te Aka Puaho)16/20, Aram Kim (Asian Ministries)16/20, Ere Talagi-Ikitoelagi (Pacific Islands Synod)16/20

Associates:

Steve Taylor (Knox Centre for Ministry & Leadership), Jane Poa (Leadership Sub-committee) 14/18

Book of Order Advisory Committee

Convenor:

Members: Ross Sutherland 14/18, Alex Robinson 14/18, Marie Callander 16/20, Pamela Tankersley 14/18, Peter Thomson 16/20, Elisapeta Pedro 16/20, Alastair Sherriff 16/20, Kerry Enright 16/20

Associates: Assembly Executive Secretary, Book of Order Advisor

Personnel Work Group

Convenor: Michelle Shin 14/18

Members: Iontana Pauli-Lefale 14/18, Stuart Simpson 14/18, Jill Taylor 14/18, Lyndsay Lewis 14/18, Paul Prestidge 16/20, Heather Macfarlane 16/20

Assembly Business Work Group

Convenor: Shona Bettany 14/18; Deputy Convenor: Alison Tait 14/18

Members: Alex Robinson 14/18,

Associates: Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk of Assembly

Doctrine Core Group

Convenor: Stuart Lange 16/20

Members: Ross Sutherland 14/18, Jeff Pelz 14/18, Mark Keown 14/18, Karl Lorier 14/18, Karen Nelson 14/18, Kerry Enright 14/18, Carolyn Kelly 16/20, Judith Brown 16/20, Wayne Te Kaawa (Te Aka Puaho) 16/20, David Kim (Asian Ministries) 16/20, Don Ikitoelagi (Pacific Islands Synod)16/20

Church Architecture Reference Group

Auckland: Roger Low, Les Parlane, Trevor Moran,

Wellington: Glen Robertson, John Jones, Morris Robertson

Christchurch: Johan Dalkie,

Dunedin: Michael Ovens, Ken Baker, David Mollison

Judicial Panel

Northern: Sandra Alofivae, Bruce Harris, Brett Johnstone, David Carden, Bill Duncan, Fakaofa Kaio, Ron Mills, Phyllis Brock, Howard Keyte, David Grant, Jenni Jones, John Trainor, Wayne Thompson, Ross Sutherland, Robyn McPhail, Roy Christian, Sa Si'iata-Asi, Sylvia Miller-Hardie, Ikipa Tongatule.

Kaimai: Greg Hollister-Jones, Tony Hepburn, Peter Gault, Jeremy Brook, Evelyn Johnston, Very Rev. Garry Marquand.

Central: Michael Chrisp, Rev. Diane Gilliam-Weeks, Nari Auelua, Marie Callander, Nathan Parry, Alastair Sherriff, Rachel Dewar, Marilyn Wallace, Douglas Day, Alan Cooper, Michael Cooper.

Alpine: Alister Argyle, Bruce Hansen, Hamish Galloway, Helen Beaumont, Peter Whiteside, Lynton Laing, Charles Manning

Southern: Frazer Barton, Graeme Munro, Virginia Wilson, Chris Burgin, Carol Grant, Geoff New, Kerry Enright, David Crerar

Property Commission

Hugh Perry 16/20, Malcolm Boyd 16/20, Jim Veitch 16/20, Rob Ewan 16/20, Bobby Kusilifu 16/20, Simon Shaw 16/20

Executive of Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand

Jim Veitch 14/18, Clare Lind 16/20

Church Property Trustees

Chair: Roger Gyles

Trustees: Paul Westbury, Chris Elliot, Margaret Galt, Russell Garrett, John Harvey, John Jones, Perema Leasi, Ian Russon, Soo Land Wong, Ray Coster, Ron Mills, Marie Burgess, Warren Potter, Paul Barber, Harriet Enright

Associates: Fergus Sime (Synod of Otago & Southland), (Council of Assembly)

Beneficiary Fund Committee

Co-conveners: Ray Coster, Chris Rosanowski

Members: Jim Cunningham, Fili Solomona, Lynn Russell, Warren Potter,

Associate: Douglas Langford

Secretary: Kos van Lier (Executive Officer, Church Property Trustees)

Administrator: Ashley Goss (Aon)

Nominating Committee (from 2016 Assembly)

Convenor: Anne Thomson 14/18 Deputy Convenor

Members: Alex Robinson 14/18, Craig Millar 16/20, Ann Owen 14/18, Iain Dickson 16/20, Steve Jourdain 14/18, Hana Popea 16/20, Liz Whitehead 16/20, Stephanie Wells 14/18, Bronwyn McCall 16/20, Faye Apanui (Te Aka Puaho) 16/20, *PI Synod* Rev Nathan Pedro 14/18, Rev. Karima Fai'ai 16/20

Nominating Committee Executive 2016-2018: Anne Thomson, Alex Robinson, Iain Dickson, Liz Whitehead, ,

The Reverend Ian Donald Borrie (1940 – 2016)

Don Borrie was born in Dunedin, the son and grandson of ministers. He attended Waimataitai Primary School, Wanganui Intermediate and Wanganui Boys' College. He was active in church youth work and was a foundation member of the locals Boys' Brigade Company and the local Bible Class district committee.

He attended Otago University and completed a Master of Arts Degree. Upon completion, Don married Lyndel Keeley in January 1964. Don then attended the Theological Hall between 1964 and 1966. He continued his studies at the World Council of Churches Graduate School in Bossey, Switzerland, and completed a certificate in Ecumenical Studies in February 1967.

From there he had short placements at the Church of England Sheffield Industrial Mission, the Baptist Social Rehabilitation Centre in Essex and a World Council of Churches European work camp. More study was to follow, with a year at the Andover Newton Theological School studying pastoral counselling, Christian sociology and church mission and graduating as Master of Sacred Theology in Social Ethics. This was followed with some months' work with the US Presbyterian Interracial Council in St Louis and time in Cleveland with the United Presbyterians researching ageism.

Upon Don's return to New Zealand, he was ordained and became the General Secretary of the New Zealand Student Christian Movement, based in Wellington. He served the Presbyterian Church on Public Questions, International Affairs, and Ecumenical Committees and on the Presbyterian-Methodist Council for Mission.

From the SCM he moved to a Methodist appointment in a co-operative churches agreement (Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist and Pacific Islanders Presbyterian) at Porirua East from February 1975 to June 1986. Don also served at St Martins, Porirua East, and was granted the status of minister emeritus in March 2005. He served on the Cannon's Creek Opportunity Centre Board as part of St Martin's outreach.

Don had a life-long passion for justice. He and others established the NZ-DPRK Society in 1972 and advocated a peaceful non-military solution to the division of Korea as well as a better understanding within New Zealand of the injustice that international geopolitics have inflicted upon the North Korean people. Locally he participated in local body affairs including several years on the Wellington Area Health Board, the Porirua City Council and the Wellington Harbour Board. He was an active letter writer, a supporter of Pacifica, and an advocate for whoever he saw as experiencing injustice. He challenged, thought, and helped make changes where he could.

Fittingly, his funeral was held in Cannon's Creek at the Church of Christ the King (Pacific Islands Presbyterian) where he had attended after St Martin's was closed, and the opening hymn was Bunyan's "Who would true valour see".

We give thanks for Don's life and pray for Lyndel and their wider family.

The Reverend Kim Francis (1952 – 2014)

Kim's life and ministry in churches and chaplaincy was driven by his unwavering conviction that God had called him and would sustain him as long as he lived. Emanating from that was his passion to communicate the Gospel message wherever he found himself in ways that were relevant and timely. He had a unique capacity to communicate with people from all sectors of society, recognising the value of individuals no matter what their background or experience. He was able to relate well to both young and old; he had a 'soft spot' for older people whom he treated with great respect.

Kim studied at Knox Theological Hall, Dunedin, from 1977-1978, where he met his wife, Prue. He was ordained at Edendale, Mataura Presbytery, on 18 October, 1979, where he remained until 1983. This was followed by five years as an Army Chaplain, first at Papakura and then at Burnham Military Camps. In 1988 he and his family arrived at St John's Church, Mt Roskill, Auckland. In 1996, he then accepted a call to St Andrew's, New Plymouth where he remained until his death in 2014.

Both at St John's and St Andrew's, Kim initiated a distinctive 'ethos' into the life of a church by emphasising and encouraging the love and unity characterised by Jesus' life and that of the early church. The term was 'faith family'. This became an important component of the health and wholeness of those churches. Kim was a warm, loving person who demonstrated his affection and respect for people in many ways, but people who knew him remember his hugs at the church door, an expression of his caring and giving nature.

Kim was a gifted preacher and teacher. His teaching was laced with humour, related to life experiences, was often hard-hitting and challenging, but always true to the gospel message he believed he had been called to share. After doing further study, he graduated with a Degree in Counselling from Auckland University in the 1980s, and this gave him a further tool to help with his pastoral work. He had a significant impact on the lives of others, especially young people, many of whom now hold leadership positions inside and outside of the Church. He had non-negotiable standards and was unafraid to ask the 'hard' questions; he was a front-line warrior in any battles he considered important in the Lord's work. With his military background in the earlier part of his life, Kim had an innate sense of the importance of events being organised well, with appropriate decorum and attention to detail. He valued the contributions of others in church life and respected the leadership of the wider church. He was especially appreciative of the teamwork of others in church leadership as his health deteriorated in the years prior to his death.

He was chaplain of the local Girls' Brigade at St John's for 8 years as well as being the Area and National Chaplain; he is remembered for his encouragement and friendship to the leaders and girls.

His wife, Prue, supported and encouraged him throughout their 35 years of marriage. He was a proud and encouraging Dad to Rebecca, Sarah and Andrew, and 'Poppa' to his three grandchildren. After his love for his Lord, his love for family and friends was an integral and vital part of his life.

Kim died 'much too soon' in Taranaki Base Hospital, just before his 62nd birthday. The legacy he leaves is remembered and valued, especially by those who knew him well; we thank God that he lived and shared his faith in profound ways for the many people whose lives he touched.