

Continuing Resolution Hub Nominating Process

In September, the Hub will notify the congregation that a nominating committee will be formed and invite members to volunteer to be included in the committee. The committee is described in the Continuing Resolution Authorizing and Describing Ministries, Committees, and Organizations.

In September (and several times later), the Hub will communicate to the congregation that any member interested in serving in one of the Hub positions to be elected at the January Annual Meeting contact one of the pastors or the president.

At the October Meeting, the Hub will name a chair for the nominating committee. This will normally be a Hub member that is not eligible for another term. Hub members of the committee will be decided as described in the Continuing Resolution authorizing the committee. A plan to decide on non-Hub members of the committee will be established consistent with the Continuing Resolution authorizing the committee.

For all Hub positions up for election, the nominating committee will select one or more potential nominees. If more than one nominee is selected, the committee will indicate their order of preference among the nominees. If a current Hub member whose term is expiring and is eligible and wishes to be nominated, but is not the committee's first choice, the committee chair will contact one of the pastors and jointly decide how to approach the Hub member. A resolution of this must occur before the nominees are presented to the Hub at the November meeting.

At the November meeting, the Hub will decide on an ordered list of nominees. If the Hub's ordered list is different than the one presented by the nominating committee, a Hub member will contact the non-Hub members of the nominating committee to explain the reason(s) for the difference. One of the pastors will contact the potential nominees in order. The first one to accept the nomination will be the Hub's nominee to be presented to the congregation.

When the Hub's nominees have been determined, they will be communicated to the congregation. This communication will include that our Bylaws require:

- that the slate presented to the congregation by the Hub shall equal the amount of Hub vacancies, and
- that a pastor shall contact each potential candidate for consent to his/her name placed in nomination.

Because of the second requirement, we are not able to accept nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

However, any voting member of the congregation may ask to be nominated (or suggest another person to be nominated) for an open position by contacting a pastor or the president. If, after discussion with a pastor, the member consents to having his/her name placed in nomination, then their name will be added to the nominations at the Annual Meeting.

Our Constitution requires that election at the Annual Meeting be by written ballot. For positions where a single person is nominated, the congregation will be asked to make one Yes or No vote on all positions. For positions where there are multiple nominees, the congregation will be asked to write the name of the person they are voting for.

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