

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Don Cooper, Chair

April 27, 2010

The Nominating Committee presents the following nominations to fill the year of 2012 and other class vacancies. Also, the Nominating Committee presents for nomination the Rev. Margaret “Maggie” Lauterer to be a commissioner to the 219th General Assembly and recommends the Presbytery to endorse her as a candidate for Moderator (I-4 thru I-6). The next meeting of the committee will be Monday, May 3, 2010.

The Nominating Committee invites you to take a moment to fill out the attached form and return the form to the Stated Clerk’s Table prior to leaving the meeting today. We hope that you will seriously consider serving on a committee in which you are interested or recommending others for committees. To all of you, we give praise to God and our heartfelt thanks for your faithful service.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

If a committee still has a known vacancy, it will be indicated following the recommendation.

1.	<u>Coordinating Council</u>	COMPLETE	
2.	<u>Ministry Division Representative</u>	COMPLETE	
3.	<u>Committee on Ministry</u>		
	Ms. Bambi Teague (New Hope, Asheville)	(B)	Class of 2012
	Ms. Kandi Peterson (Hickory, First)	(E)	Class of 2011
	<i>(1 vacancy remains for the class of 2011. In order to balance clergy and elder representation, the committee needs 1 elder representative from cluster D.)</i>		
4.	<u>Examinations</u>		
	Ms. Julia Richards (Warren Wilson)	(B)	Class of 2012
5.	<u>Care of Church Professionals</u>		
	Mrs. Connie Schimpf (Black Mountain)	(B)	Class of 2012
6.	<u>Preparation for Ministry</u>		
	Mr. Dwayne Kirkman (Hickory, First)	(E)	Class of 2012
	<i>(1 vacancy remains for the class of 2010. In order to balance clergy and elder representation, the committee needs 1 male lay person from cluster A or C.)</i>		
7.	<u>Representation Division Representative</u>	COMPLETE	
8.	<u>Committee on Representation</u>		
	Rev. Eddie Deas (Third Street)	(D)	Chair
	Rev. Tamara Puffer (Grace Covenant)	(B)	Class of 2012
	Ms. Maria Punch (Hickory, First)	(E)	Class of 2012
	Rev. Alyce Kelly (Dulatown)	(E)	Class of 2011
	<i>(1 vacancy remains for the class of 2012. In order to balance clergy and lay representation, the committee needs 1 male youth from within Presbytery.)</i>		

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| 9. | <u>Outreach Division Representative</u> | COMPLETE | |
| 10. | <u>Peace and Justice Committee</u>
<i>(2 vacancies remain, 1 for the class of 2012 and 1 for the class of 2010. In order to balance clergy and lay representation, the committee needs 1 female minister and 1 lay person from clusters A and/or C.)</i> | | |
| 11. | <u>Hunger Committee</u> | COMPLETE | |
| 12. | <u>Missions Committee</u>
Dr. Billy Lowe (Cherryville, First) | (D) | Class of 2012 |
| 13. | <u>Campus Mission</u>
Dr. Joseph Washburn (Banner Elk)
<i>(1 vacancy remains for the class of 2012. In order to balance clergy and lay representation, the committee needs 1 female lay person for cluster C or D.)</i> | (F) | Chair |
| 14. | <u>Self-Development of People</u> | COMPLETE | |
| 15. | <u>Evangelism Division Representative</u> | COMPLETE | |
| 16. | <u>Evangelism Committee</u>
<i>(1 vacancy remains for the class of 2011. In order to balance clergy and lay person representation, the committee needs 1 lay person from cluster B or F.)</i> | | |
| 17. | <u>New Church Development Sub-committee</u>
<i>(1 vacancy remains for the class of 2012. In order to balance clergy and lay person representation, the committee needs 1 lay person or 1 minister from cluster A, B, C or F.)</i> | | |
| 18. | <u>Church Transformation Committee</u>
Mr. Bob Ramsey (Marion, First) | (B) | Class of 2012 |
| 19. | <u>Support Division Representative</u> | COMPLETE | |
| 20. | <u>Small Membership Church Committee</u> | COMPLETE | |
| 21. | <u>Stewardship</u>
Mr. Fred France (Crossnore)
<i>(1 vacancy remains for the class of 2010. In order to balance clergy and lay person representation, the committee needs 1 minister from clusters A or C.)</i> | (F) | Class of 2010 |
| 22. | <u>Discipleship Division Representative</u> | COMPLETE | |
| 23. | <u>Youth Ministries</u>
Nicholas Patton | (B) | Class of 2012 |

24.	<u>Christian Education</u>	COMPLETE
25.	<u>Administrative Division Representative</u>	COMPLETE
26.	<u>Budget and Finance</u>	COMPLETE
27.	<u>Property and Equipment</u>	COMPLETE
28.	<u>Personnel Committee</u>	COMPLETE
29.	<u>Strategic Goals Committee</u> <i>(2 vacancies remain, 1 for the Class of 2012 and 1 for the Class of 2011. In order to balance clergy and lay person representation, the committee needs 2 lay persons from clusters A, B, D and/or F.)</i>	
30.	<u>Communications</u> <i>(3 vacancies remain, 2 for the class of 2012, 1 for the class of 2011 and a committee chair. In order to balance clergy and lay person representation, the committee needs 1 lay person and 2 ministers from clusters A, D, and/or F.)</i>	
31.	<u>Permanent Judicial Commission</u>	COMPLETE
32.	<u>Joint Outdoor Ministries</u>	COMPLETE

RECOMMENDATION:

33. **The Nominating Committee places the following minister nomination recommendation to serve as minister commissioner, replacing the Rev. Riley Covin, for 2010 at the 219th General Assembly to be held July 3-10, 2010 in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and that she be endorsed as a candidate for Moderator to the 219th General Assembly:**

**The Reverend Margaret “Maggie” Lauterer
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Maggie serves the First Presbyterian Church of Burnsville, where she was ordained and has served for ten and a half years. Maggie, a native of Western North Carolina, is a second career pastor. She moved from newspapers, magazines, and television to earning a Master of Divinity from Union Seminary - Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Va.

Maggie served on the Examination Committee, briefly on the Strategic Goals Committee, served as Moderator of the WNC Presbytery, Moderator of the WNC Presbytery Council, and presently serves on the Committee on Ministry.

She was a member of the first graduating class from the Pastors Institute, selected for the Mills Studies for Pastors, on the leadership team at the First Church Unbound Conference last year, and served on the Rehoboth Committee for the Lily Foundation. She served as a delegate to General Assembly in 2008.

Maggie has preached for presbytery events and the Summer Worship at Montreat. She was one of the three plenary speakers at the national Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conference, a PCUSA sponsored conference, last month in Indianapolis. She has taught spirituality classes at the School of the Laity.

Maggie is married to Zack Allen and mother of two children, Selena and Jon, and two grandchildren, Olive and Ruthie.

**As I Stand for Moderator
by Rev. Maggie Lauterer
Burnsville First Presbyterian Church**

Following the Holy Spirit doesn't always make good sense to those of us who consider ourselves practical people. But we who seek to follow the Spirit have learned by experience that sometimes it's just that way.

Therefore, I find myself seeking endorsement from the Presbytery of Western North Carolina to stand for Moderator at the upcoming General Assembly in July.

I had felt called to consider this for some time, was encouraged by members of our presbytery, and so last fall, I began to make serious plans to pursue endorsement - even in the face of a number of discouraging obstacles. While attending a recent national PCUSA conference (where I was one of three plenary speakers) several people, whose opinions I deeply respect, urged me to again consider standing for Moderator of the General Assembly.

And so, after much prayer and listening, I have been convicted by the Holy Spirit to pursue this call to candidacy.

In retrospect, I believe, through the years, God has been preparing me for this call. My working career began with teaching and I have taught from pre-school to college level. For most of my career, before ordination as a minister of the Word and Sacrament, I worked as a newspaper journalist and columnist and as a television commentator/reporter. When I was drafted to run for Congress in 1994, I felt that this was a call to serve God's people as an elected representative. John Calvin, in his *Institutes of Religion*, encouraged the Reformed to be involved politically, and I felt this was more than sufficient justification. It was a experience I will never forget. I learned much about the political process in our country and how issues are faced from a political perspective. Although I lost that election, I truly believe it was God's way of moving me to the next chapter in my life - as a seminary student and then into the parish ministry.

As I look back on what I learned in those experiences - teacher, journalist, candidate, minister, I realize those experiences have not only empowered my work in the Church, but also have given me a unique set of credentials to serve the denomination as Moderator. Because we are a church of many small churches, I believe that passion for the small church is imperative for PCUSA leadership. My experience on the ground with a 113-year-old small congregation, one that had been written off as a dying church - and witnessing and participating in a membership growth in which the church community has more than quadrupled - demonstrates the power of Christ's love and his vision for what is possible. We have built a "new" church with natives and newcomers, respecting and listening. Surely this is Good News for our denomination and needs to be shared.

I believe members of the PCUSA are called to be global Presbyterians. Because of my experience as a pastor, and the range of skills and talents I have developed over a lifetime of seeking God's will, I feel I am in a position to lead our denomination as we pursue a deeper understanding of the world's struggles and needs. I have traveled with Presbyterian groups to many places: to build a school in Recife, Brazil; study church issues through Central America (Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Guatemala); and study issues and be with people

of the Middle East in Jordan, Egypt, Palestine and Israel. In the sensitive era of Perestroika, I traveled to Russia with others seeking a sister city relationship, a somewhat novel idea in what was then the Soviet Union.

I have traveled five straight years with other members of our church to establish a strong, lasting relationship with what is now our sister church (Nueva Esperanza) in San Felipe, Guatemala where I have also learned more about the PCUSA's role with our sister country.

And lastly, I do not believe that growth of the Church has anything to do with age or location, but openness to the transformative powers of the Trinity which calls us out into new frontiers of being Christ's Church and doing Christ's bidding in the radical love Christ has taught us. That standard will be my standard as I earnestly ask for your support, approval, and endorsement for my candidacy to stand for Moderator of the 219th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Maggie Lauterer

APRIL 2010 PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
Recommendations for Presbytery Committees

Name of Person Making Recommendation _____

Date _____ Church _____ Cluster _____

In the box below are eight (8) general areas of expertise and related names of the committees required to carry out the work of the Presbytery. Below the box, please fill in the name, committee, and requested information about each elder (E) or minister (M) you think to be qualified to serve on one or more of the committees. Non-ordained lay persons (L) may also serve on many presbytery committees, but please indicate if they are not ordained by writing "L" by the person recommended, as we work hard to keep our committees properly balanced as to clusters, elders or lay persons to clergy, men to women and with racial/ethnic representation.

<p><u>Ministry Division</u> Committee on Ministry Examinations Care of Church Professionals Preparation for Ministry Cmte.</p>	<p><u>Support Division</u> Small Membership Churches Committee Stewardship Committee</p>	<p><u>Discipleship Division</u> Youth Ministries Committee Christian Education Cmte. School for the Laity Cmte.</p>
<p><u>Evangelism Division</u> Evangelism Committee</p>	<p><u>Outreach Division</u> Peace and Justice Committee Hunger Committee Missions Committee</p>	<p><u>Representation Division</u> Committee on Representation Racial and Ethnic Committee</p>
<p><u>Administration Division</u> Budget & Finance Committee Property & Equipment Committee Personnel Committee Strategic Goals Committee</p>	<p>Campus Missions Committee Self-Development of People</p>	<p><u>Special Division</u> Permanent Judicial Commission Nominating Committee Joint Outdoor Ministries Cmte.</p>

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