

Paper J3

Synod Nominations to the Mission Committee

Nominations Committee

Basic information

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Action required	Decision.
Draft resolution(s)	Mission Council approves the proposals for synod nominations to the Mission Committee.

Summary of content

Subject and aim(s)	1) To clarify the procedure for synods to make nominations to the Mission Committee. 2) To agree arrangements for length of service.
Main points	Synod representation is important; so is a balanced committee with a good range of complementary skills and interests.
Previous documents	Nothing recent.
Consultation has taken place with...	A draft has been discussed by both the Mission and Nominations Committees.

Summary of impact

Financial	None.
External (e.g. ecumenical)	None.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This paper gives guidelines for the nomination of synod representatives to the Mission Committee.

2. Mission Committee

- 2.1 Convenor: nominated by the Nominations Committee and appointed by General Assembly, or by Mission Council acting on behalf of General Assembly.
Secretary: Deputy General Secretary (Mission) ex officio
Members: one per synod

3. Nomination by Synod

- 3.1 The decision to nominate its representative lies with the synod. Before any nominee is approached the synod should consult the Mission Committee Convenor and the Deputy General Secretary (Mission) for their opinions on the desirable attributes to achieve a balanced committee.

4. Service on the Mission Committee

- 4.1 Representatives serve one or two four-year terms, as determined by the synod, starting and/or finishing at the conclusion of a meeting of General Assembly. After eight years' service a representative shall not be nominated for at least a year.
- 4.2 The synod should consult its representative after three years' service on the committee and advise the Nominations Committee whether it is intended to nominate the representative for a second term.
- 4.3 A representative moving to another synod immediately ceases to represent their former synod.
- 4.4 A representative moving to another synod can be nominated by their new synod but only after a gap of at least a year.
- 4.5 In the absence of its representative a synod should appoint an alternate to attend the Mission Committee and to participate as a voting member.

5. Role of Nominations Committee

- 5.1 The synod forwards one name to the secretary of the Nominations Committee, which asks General Assembly (or Mission Council acting on behalf of General Assembly) to appoint the synod representative. The Nominations list is then updated.