

Presbytery of Arkansas

Nominations Form for Service Beginning in 2021 or 2022

We are the Presbytery of Arkansas – our congregations, various ministries, and Ministers of the Word and Sacrament. So that we may more faithfully live into our call to “participate in God’s mission for the transformation of creation and humanity,” (*Book of Order*, F-1.01) we commit ourselves to work together, offering our gifts collectively to live into that calling.

The Presbytery of Arkansas encourages diversity in its leadership, and as such encourages men and women, from large and small congregations, from all regions of the Presbytery, of all ages, the able-bodied and those with challenges, and people of all color and ethnicities so that we may more closely reflect God’s kingdom.

Terms of service on most ministry areas and committees are for three years, eligible to serve two consecutive terms. A person elected to fill an unexpired term completes that term of service and will be eligible to be elected to serve an additional three-year term. Please read the attached for a brief description of ministry areas and committees for which someone may be nominated.

Please consider nominating yourself, someone, or multiple people whose service could benefit the ministry of the Presbytery of Arkansas!!! And please fill out one form per nominee. All nominations are seriously considered, although election to chosen area isn’t guaranteed.

Name of Nominee _____

Name of Church _____ Town _____

Circle One: Ruling Elder Member (not a RE) Minister of Word and Sacrament

Gender: _____ Age (range): _____ Race/Ethnicity: _____

Any Disability? (hearing, mobility, eyesight, etc.) _____ (all are encouraged to serve)

Particular Gifts/Talents/or Areas of Expertise or Interest _____

Ministry Areas or Committees on Which This Person Might Serve _____

Please return this form to the Stated Clerk, MWS Leslie Belden, at lesliebeld@aol.com, or mail it to the Presbytery of Arkansas, 9221 N. Rodney Parham Road, Little Rock, AR 72227, by March 15, 2021. Thank you so much for all that you do within your congregation and the Presbytery.

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Ministry Area and Committee Descriptions

The Coordinating Team serves as the coordinating and program oversight body of the Presbytery between meetings. When necessary, the Coordinating Team may act on behalf of the Presbytery for routine business or when a called, special, or regular meeting of the Presbytery is impractical. The Coordinating Team meets at least quarterly, in-person at the Presbytery office in Little Rock.

The Administration Ministry Area is responsible for the budget and financial areas of the Presbytery, matters concerning the personnel of the Presbytery, and the property of the Presbytery. The Administration Ministry Area ordinarily meets at least quarterly.

The Mission of the Church Ministry Area provides oversight, planning, and support for programs that connect our congregations in practicing our faith through mission and outreach, Christian Education, and spiritual development. The Mission of the Church Ministry Area ordinarily meets at least quarterly.

The Ministries with Youth, Young Adults, and Campus Ministry Area coordinates, supports, and encourages the ministry of the church with middle school and high school youth, college and campus-based ministries within the bounds of the Presbytery, and ministries with Young Adults up to age 35. It serves as the Presbytery's conduit between the sub-committees of the Presbytery that carry out the programming aspects of the Presbytery's ministries with youth and campus ministry, as the entity that encourages prioritization of youth, young adults, and campus ministry within the context of the work of the other committees and ministry areas, and as the resource for congregational ministry to these age groups. The Ministries with Youth, Young Adults, and Campus Ministry Area ordinarily meets at least quarterly.

The Future of the Church Ministry Area serves as a catalyst to engage congregations and the Presbytery in creative thinking and planning beyond current models of ministry and programming to meet the challenges of new demographics and trends as society continues to change. The Future of the Church Ministry Area assists with visioning, branding technology, and development of new ministries. It provides new church development functions of the Presbytery and ordinarily meets at least quarterly on a Tuesday.

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) oversees the training, certification, and examination of Inquirers and Candidates for the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament (MWS) and Candidates for the role of Commissioned Ruling Elder. The CPM shall also provide for the certification of qualified Christian Educators and Associate Christian Educators. The CPM ordinarily meets on Saturdays.

The Committee on Ministry oversees the enrollment and dismissal of Ministers of Word and Sacrament, the call process for both MWSs and Commissioned Ruling Elders, the care and nurture of church professionals, and, in cooperation with the Future of the Church Ministry Area, inquires into difficulties in congregations per Presbytery policies. The COM meets the first Tuesday of every month at 10 am and those serving must either be a Minister of Word and Sacrament or a Ruling Elder.

The Committee on Representation (COR) advises the Presbytery with respect to its membership and that of committees, agencies, and other entities under the direction of the Presbytery to insure fair and effective representation according to the principles of parity and representation. The Committee on Representation meets as needed.

The Committee on Nominations is responsible for the nomination process in the Presbytery. The Committee on Nominations has an in-depth meeting in the Spring and follow-up meetings as needed throughout the year.

The Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC) considers all cases either of a remedial or a disciplinary nature transmitted to it from the Presbytery. Terms of service on the PJC are for six years, and the PJC meets on an as-needed basis.

More in-depth descriptions of ministry areas and committees may be found in the Presbytery of Arkansas's Ministry Manual which may be found on the Presbytery's website at www.presbyark.org. Under the tab "Resources" click on "Presbytery Resources," and look in the documents of the Stated Clerk to find both "Part I – Organization and Structure," which explains each ministry area and committee in general and how many members each group has, and "Part II – Ministry and Committee Duties," which gives more extensive information on each group.