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TEACHING ELDER NOMINATION FORM FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS

NAME: Christine Dickerson PHONE: _____
ADDRESS: 815 S. Camino Real
CITY Palm Springs, CA ZIP CODE: 92264
ALTERNATE PHONE: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
DATE OF ORDINATION: February 1, 1998

PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Indicate involvement and responsibilities at Presbytery/Synod/General Assembly.

Present responsibilities include membership on COM as well as on the SMRT Team. I am just beginning my COM connection with Beaumont Presbyterian Church, and looking forward to building that liaison relationship. I have been in Riverside Presbytery since May 2001, and as a relative newcomer find it an environment filled with opportunities for growth and service.

During my tenure in Seattle Presbytery, I was involved with the Synod of Alaska/Northwest, serving two terms as a representative from Seattle. I was also an organizing member of the Racial Ethnic Team for the Seattle Presbytery, and helped develop the program for Commissioned Lay Pastors . Both Synod and the Ethnic Ministry team were areas of particular interest for me.

I have not ever had the opportunity to attend or serve General Assembly.

Describe two accomplishments in your life, which have particular meaning for you.

A time in ministry that brought me great joy was in my service to Madrona Presbyterian Church, Seattle. Primarily African American in membership, it was in danger of closing, and had a poor relationship history with the Presbytery. During my tenure, we established relationship with a large congregation that had an historical connection to Madrona's history, and received funding from them and other sources to enable a building renovation for our aging church and utilize designated mission funds. We began to work on the relationship with Presbytery as well, facing the issues that had separated us. As a congregation, we explored our feelings and hopes, initiated new programs and began re-organization. It is impossible to express all that happened in a paragraph, but I can say it was profound for all involved. The church is growing, healthier than it has ever been, and presently enjoys a positive relationship with Presbytery . Knowing that Madrona now thrives and remain true to its mission brings me great joy; it is a very special family of believers.

If I were to define a second "accomplishment," what comes to mind are my relationships with people, and the opportunities I have had to be with them during seminal events in their lives. This, and the growth I am presently experiencing in my ministry at Palm Springs, particularly in the spoken word. I have never experienced the presence and influence of the Spirit in such a profound way. For me, these two 'events' become a singular personal accomplishment, as they demonstrate the ability for continuing growth, understanding, and most of all, connecting in meaningful ways.

In the past, have you served as a commissioner to General Assembly? No.

SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE: _____ CHRISTINE DICKERSON _____

(signature indicates nominee's willingness to serve if elected)

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NAME: The Rev. Ralph L. Mueller PHONE: (760) 375-2214 (church);
ADDRESS: _____
CITY Ridgecrest, CA ZIP CODE: 93555
ALTERNATE PHONE: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: ridgecrestpc@verizon.net
DATE OF ORDINATION: January 23, 1994

PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Indicate involvement and responsibilities at Presbytery/Synod/General Assembly.

During my time in the Presbytery of Riverside I have served two terms, totaling six and one-half years, as a member of the Committee on Ministry. I am currently the Moderator of the Presbytery. I served previously as a COM member in the presbyteries of Olympia and Alaska; member of Christian Education committee (chair for two years) in Olympia Presbytery; and member of Presbytery Council in Olympia for two years. I attended the 2003 General Assembly in Denver, CO as an observer.

Describe two accomplishments in your life, which have particular meaning for you.

1. Serving as interim pastor to five congregations—Parkway Presbyterian in Tacoma, WA; First Presbyterian in Petersburg, AK; First Presbyterian, Wrangell, AK; Lake Arrowhead Community Presbyterian; and Big Bear Presbyterian—gave me an opportunity to serve congregations during times of transition. Certainly the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. is in a time of transition—as is the Presbytery of Riverside.
2. Being actively involved in caring for my parents as they aged, including bringing my mother to live with my wife, Josephine, and me during the last four years of her life.

In the past, have you served as a commissioner to General Assembly? No. List dates:

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NAME: Thomas Gordon Rennard PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY San Bernardino, CA ZIP CODE: 92404

ALTERNATE PHONE: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

DATE OF ORDINATION: June 25, 1989

PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Indicate involvement and responsibilities at Presbytery/Synod/General Assembly.

Presbyterian Camps and Conference Centers, Inc., 2004-2008, 2010-2011
Synod Hanmi Administrative Commission, 9/2011-present
Sexual Misconduct Response Team, 9/2011-present, Moderator, 12/2011-present
Stewardship, Property and Finance Committee, 1/2012-

Describe two accomplishments in your life, which have particular meaning for you.

Pastor's Spouse for 23 years and Father of an Amazing Daughter for 16.
Congregational and Regional Pastor for 22 years.

In the past, have you served as a commissioner to General Assembly? No. Attended 1989, 2000, '02-'05.

SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE:



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RULING ELDER NOMINATION FORM FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS

NAME: Jane Rousser HOME PHONE: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: Riverside ZIP CODE: 92506
CHURCH OF MEMBERSHIP: CALVARY DATE OF ORDINATION: 1990

PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Indicate areas of involvements and responsibilities in the local church. *I have served as a Deacon and an Elder at Calvary. In the past I have taught Sunday school and Vacation Bible School, served on Mission Commission, Congregational Life and Personnel. This year I am Chair of the nominating Committee. I currently coordinate Crusios, a social group similar to the seamon. I have also been a commissioner to Presbytery from Calvary.*

Indicate involvements and responsibilities at Presbytery/Synod/General Assembly.

I attended GA when it was in Long Beach and able to serve communion at the opening worship service. I have served on Mission Commission at Presbytery and currently serve on CPM. I am also a member of the SMRT Committee.

Describe two accomplishments in your life, which have particular meaning for you. *I was a public school teacher for 34 years and was honored when a student named me his most influential teacher. I had been in 4th grade and this was his H.S. graduation awards dinner.*

I started the Crusios social group for those 40-50 years old and after 25 years it is still active.

I suggested we have an evening P.W. group for those who work. It is
Have you served as a commissioner to the General Assembly before? NO List years: _____

SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE: Jane Rousser *Currently active at Calvary.*
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY YOUNG ADVISORY DELEGATE APPLICATION
(Suggested ages 17-23)

NAME: Jaqueline Anderson HOME PHONE: _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY: Riverside ZIP CODE: 92506

EMAIL: _____

CHURCH OF MEMBERSHIP: Colony Presbyterian Church, Riverside

YEAR JOINED THE CHURCH 2008 BIRTH DATE: 09 / 19 / 92

Please check as appropriate: male college student
 female work part-time
 Elder work full-time
 Deacon

ENDORSED BY: Pastor W. Dean Folgin
(signature)

and/or
Session [Signature]
(signature of clerk of session)

PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. What experiences have you had in organizations in the church?
See back for complete list
2. What has been the most significant part of your church involvement?
The most significant part of my church involvement is probably feeding the homeless, Hot Meals program, throughout our community. Seeing hundreds come through that get served makes me sad and want to do anything to help them. Whenever I pass one of the people I serve on the street, I say a prayer for that person. This person not only gives people what might be their only meal of the week, but it also gives them clothes and shoes to prepare for whatever weather may be coming. I am so happy I can be a part of this incredible program at my church.
3. What do you see as the biggest challenge facing our church today?
One of the big problems I see in the church today is being able to get new people into the church. As the average age of our church gets older the congregation is getting smaller, but we aren't getting enough new members within the church. We need to figure out a way to get more people to the church and get them involved within the congregation so they stay and learn to love it and God as much as I do. If this doesn't change soon then there will only be a few congregants left to worship.
4. Are you willing to attend General Assembly, June 9-16, 2011, and to interpret for the Presbytery during the following year what you observe and learn. Yes.

Please send completed application to the Presbytery office by December 1, 2011
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NAME: Tessa Frederick HOME PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: Redlands ZIP CODE: 92373

EMAIL: _____

CHURCH OF MEMBERSHIP: First Presbyterian Church of Redlands

YEAR JOINED THE CHURCH 2000 BIRTH DATE: 07/12/1994
year of confirmation: 2010

Please check as appropriate:

<input type="checkbox"/> male	<input type="checkbox"/> college student
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> female	<input type="checkbox"/> work part-time
<input type="checkbox"/> Elder	<input type="checkbox"/> work full-time
<input type="checkbox"/> Deacon	

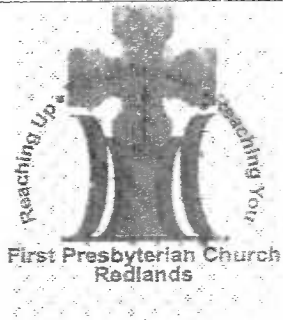
ENDORSED BY: Pastor Sylvia P. Karcher
(signature)

and/or
Session _____
(signature of clerk of session)

PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. What experiences have you had in organizations in the church?
My experiences with organizations in the church have ~~inde~~ included being a member of the Disaster Preparedness Committee, member of the Handbell Choir, and Sunday school teacher for the children in the church. However, as I have grown up in this church, I have always been surrounded by the organizations of the faith.
2. What has been the most significant part of your church involvement?
I consider the most significant part of my church involvement to be the bonds and relationships that I have formed with other members of the congregation. Through my participation in church activities as a member of the Disaster Preparedness Committee, a Sunday School teacher, and a member of the Handbell choir, I have come to greatly appreciate the love and faithfulness fostered by the church between its members.
3. What do you see as the biggest challenge facing our church today?
In my opinion, the biggest challenge facing our church today is spreading the word of God and the faith to new generations. It is my hope that, by participating in the General Assembly, I can bring home what I learn and apply it to my congregation in order to help it grow.
4. Are you willing to attend General Assembly, June 9-16, 2011, and to interpret for the Presbytery during the following year what you observe and learn.
I am ready and willing to attend General Assembly and interpret for the Presbytery during the following year what I observe and learn.

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January 9, 2012

Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure for me to write this letter recommending Tessa Frederick to you. Tessa is an outstanding and very intelligent young woman. She is a committed Christian and a faithful member of our congregation.

In my conversations with her and in a class I taught I've found Tessa to be a thoughtful and eager learner, and one who listens to and is supportive of others.

Tessa's many church activities are evidence of her commitment. She has taught Sunday school for two years and was a helper for our Vacation Bible School. She is a member of the bell choir and served on our Disaster Preparedness committee. She has often served as a lay reader for worship. Further evidence of her commitment was the comment she made to me a few days ago, I hope you will schedule a church work day on the weekend sometime. I'd really enjoy participating."

Church activities are not her only arena of service. Tessa also volunteers at Redlands Community Hospital.

Tessa Frederick would make an excellent Young Adult Advisory Delegate. Thank you for considering her.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sylvia Karcher'.

Sylvia Karcher
Interim Pastor