

Committee on Representation

Report to Synod Assembly
November 16, 2024

The committee met multiple times via zoom and via phone calls as a group and individual communications between members. The committee focused on coming up with nominees for the Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC) and submitting those names to the Synod membership for consideration and selection to the PJC.

The committee would normally address identifying members for consideration to the various committees of the Synod and present those individuals at the fall meeting. The work of the committee was put on hold pending receipt of the recommendations of the Visioning Task Force to the body for its action.

The committee stands ready to proceed with its required duties pending guidance from the Synod Assembly.

The following are nominated to serve on the Synod Permanent Judicial Commission:

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	PRESBYTERY	Class	O	E	G
Bill	Teng	PEACE RIVER	2026	TE	A	M
Don	Johnson	ST AUGUSTINE	2030	TE	B	M
Cassandra	Daniels	TRINITY	2030	RE		F
Joanne	Sizoo	PROVIDENCE	2026	TE	W	F
Margaret	Venable	CHEROKEE	2026	RE		F
Roy	Martin	FLORIDA	2028	TE	W	M
Frank	Colclough	New Harmony	2030	TE	B	M
VACANT		Tampa Bay	2030			
VACANT		Central Florida	2030			

Introductions:

Teaching Elder, Bill Teng - Peace River Presbytery

Born and raised in Hong Kong, the Rev. William (Bill) Teng is a fourth-generation Presbyterian minister. After concluding 40 years of active ministry, Bill retired from called ministry in 2019 in order to serve in transitional ministry. He has since served as interim pastor at Ardmore Presbyterian Church, in the Philadelphia area, Trinity Presbyterian Church in Venice, FL, and currently at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Fort Myers, FL.

Bill was elected to the A Corp Board in 2018 and served as its co-chair (2020-22) and was re-elected in 2022 to serve another 4-year term. He was also appointed to serve on the Commission to Unify the Office of the General Assembly and the Presbyterian Mission Agency and in 2022, representing the A Corp Board. Bill is also a volunteer chaplain with the Civil Air Patrol, the auxiliary of the United States Air Force, with the rank of Major. He and his wife, Karen, reside in Lake Suzy, Florida.

Teaching Elder, Don J. Johnson - St. Augustine Presbytery

Pastor Johnson earned a Master of Divinity from Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary at the ITC, and a Masters in Human Resources and Development from Webster University. He is married to Rene Johnson, they have two children, a daughter DaNadia and a son Chandler.

Rev. Johnson pastored the Lochearn Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, Maryland, the St. Luke Presbyterian Church in Orangeburg, South Carolina, Butler Memorial Presbyterian Church in Savannah Georgia, and is currently the pastor of Woodlawn Presbyterian in Jacksonville Florida. Rev. Johnson's mission is to lead people into a relationship with Jesus Christ through the teaching and preaching of God's word.

Ruling Elder, Cassandra Daniels - Trinity Presbytery

Greetings, I am Cassandra Daniels, single mother of one adult son. I am a retired Social Worker with the State of South Carolina. My professional career included working with the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs and the Department of Social Services. Working with children and families in both Foster Care and Adoptions afforded me the opportunity to extend grace as grace was extended to me. I am currently serving as the Clerk of Session within my congregation. I also serve in the Presbyterian Women, Commission on Ministry, and represent my local church in the area "cluster" group. I have always seen my service through the church as my calling and apply the passage of scripture from 1 Peter 4:10, *"...Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace in it's various forms."*

Teaching Elder, Joanne Sizoo - Providence Presbytery

Originally from Los Angeles, God's wonderful sense of humor has had me in the Carolinas since 2003. I've been a parish pastor in all the "O" states, California and both the Carolinas. I've served on Committee on Ministry in 4 presbyteries, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, and PJC in 2 presbyteries, and Synod level Committee on Representation. I served at the national level on the Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns for 6 years. I've got a spouse, 5 kids spread from California to Ireland, 5 grandsons and 2 dogs.

Ruling Elder, Margaret Venable - Cherokee Presbytery

Dr. Margaret Venable retired from the University System of Georgia in May of 2023. During her 32 years in the USG, she served in many roles including president of Dalton State College. She now works part-time as a higher education executive search consultant. Dr. Venable is active in the Dalton community as a Rotarian, Board member for the Community Foundation of Northwest Georgia and the GreenHouse. She is a lifelong Presbyterian and is currently a member of First Presbyterian Church of Dalton. Her adult son and daughter-in-law live in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Teaching Elder, Roy Martin - Presbytery of Florida

Born and raised in Fredericksburg, VA, BA in Religion from what is now the University of Mary Washington, D. Min from what is now Union Presbyterian Seminary.

Ordained in 1983 in Hanover Presbytery. Associate Pastor, St. Marks Presbyterian Church, Bayonet Point, FL; Pastor, Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, DE; Head of Staff, First Presbyterian Church, Lake City, FL; Transitional General Presbyter, Shenandoah Presbytery; General Presbyter, Presbytery of Florida. Now retired.

Teaching Elder, Dr. Franklin D. Colclough, Sr. - New Harmony Presbytery

First called to serve as pastor of Carmel Presbyterian Church, Chester, SC, and Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, Blackstock, SC. He was next called to serve as senior

pastor of the Goodwill Presbyterian Church, Mayesville, S.C., where he served for nearly seventeen years. While serving at Goodwill he was elected as Stated Clerk of Atlantic Presbytery. The Goodwill Church encouraged and supported him during his three years of doctoral studies at McCormick Theological Seminary and during his ministry as a Military Chaplain in the US Army Reserve where he served for 26 years and retired with the rank of Colonel.

In September 1988 he was called to serve as Associate Executive Presbyter of New Harmony Presbytery. During his twenty-three years of ministry with the presbytery, he also served as Head of Staff and Stated Clerk. Dr. Colclough has served at all levels of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., including the Board of Pensions; Board of Trustees, Columbia Theological Seminary; Board of Trustees, Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary; General Assembly Committee on Special Offerings; General Assembly Stewardship Consultant, and Moderator, Synod of South Atlantic.

Submitted by,

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