

# RECOMMENDATION FOR SERVICE

## General Synod, Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Committee on Nominations is charged to seek out and nominate individuals best qualified to serve on the Boards, Committees and Agencies of the General Synod and as Officers of the General Synod. This form has been prepared by the Committee on Nominations for the purpose of recommending individuals to the Committee for consideration. A separate form must be used for each position recommended. Deadline for Erskine recommendations is October 14, 2016. All other board/committee recommendations must be received by January 6, 2017.

**Committee on Nominations**  
**Associate Reformed Presbyterian Center**  
**918 S. Pleasantburg Dr, Suite 127**  
**Greenville, SC 29607**

Very often, the members of the Committee on Nominations do not know the persons recommended. It is essential, therefore, that **ALL** recommendations include information that will help the Committee know more about the individual recommended. Proper consideration cannot be given without complete information. Each person recommended should have clearly confirmed a willingness to be nominated to the General Synod and should have been informed that nominees chosen by the Committee on Nominations will be asked to give satisfactory evidence of his or her belief and adherence to the basic doctrines of evangelical Christianity as adopted by the General Synod.

Please TYPE or use **black** ink so this form can be copied for Nominations Committee members.

NAME OF PERSON RECOMMENDED: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ (name of board/committee/commission)

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBERS: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (O) \_\_\_\_\_

(FAX) \_\_\_\_\_ (CELL) \_\_\_\_\_

E.MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR AFFILIATED: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT CHURCH OFFICE: MINISTER: \_\_\_\_\_ RULING ELDER: \_\_\_\_\_ DEACON: \_\_\_\_\_

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND QUALIFICATIONS: Please indicate profession, education, training, experience, interests and previous Synod, presbytery or local church service which qualifies this person for this recommendation. (Please add second page as needed)

Name of Presbytery, Session or Person making recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E.mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## AFFIRMATION BY NOMINEE

Each nominee to serve as an Officer of the General Synod or to serve as a member of a Board, Committee, or Ecclesiastical Commission of the General Synod is asked to confirm the following:

### A. Willingness to Serve

By my signature, I confirm my willingness to be nominated to the General Synod for the position recommended and to serve if approved by the General Synod.

### B. Affirmation of Beliefs

By my signature, I affirm my belief and adherence to the basic doctrines of evangelical Christianity as stated below:

The following definition of evangelical was adopted by the 1976 General Synod (and set forth in the *Manual of Authorities and Duties*): "The word 'evangelical' comes from a Greek root meaning 'good news' and it refers to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In a broad sense, evangelicals are people who believe that the Bible is God's inspired Word and that an individual can become a Christian only by accepting Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. Evangelicals believe:

- "1. The Bible alone, being God-breathed, is the Word of God Written, infallible in all that it teaches, and inerrant in the original manuscripts. (2008 Minutes of Synod).
- "2. That there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- "3. In the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, in His Virgin Birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through the shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
- "4. That for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
- "5. In the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
- "6. In the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; that they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
- "7. In the spiritual unity of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ."

### C. Doctrinal Commitments Questionnaire for Nominees

(1) Have you read the subordinate standards of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (the Westminster Confession of Faith, and Westminster Larger and Shorter Catechisms)?  Yes  No

(2) Do you agree to the doctrine contained in the subordinate standards of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (the Westminster Confession of Faith, and Westminster Larger and Shorter Catechisms) as a faithful summary of the teaching of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament?  Yes  No

(3) Do you agree to the commitment of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church to the doctrine of the inerrancy of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?  Yes  No

(4) Are you committed to promoting and upholding these doctrines in service to the Lord Jesus Christ as King and Head of His Church, and the particular denomination of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church?  Yes  No

(5) Do you have any objections to, disagreements or concerns with any part(s) of above doctrinal standards and commitments of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church?  Yes  No

If so, please explain. Where you have differences or concerns please also briefly explain how these will influence or impact your particular service to the Associate Reformed Presbyterian

Church. (If necessary, attach a separate sheet with your answer to this question.)

(6) If your commitment to any of the above stated doctrinal standards and commitments of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church changes during the term of your service, will you notify the chair of your committee or board, and either demit your position, or submit to the processes and internal bylaws of the committee or board of whom you are a member, as well as the higher authority of the Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, where it deems appropriate as the appointing body, in reassessing your term of service?  Yes  No

(7) If you are considered delinquent in your stated duties and/or doctrinal commitment as a committee or board member, will you submit to the processes and internal bylaws of the committee or board of whom you are a member, as well as the higher authority of the Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, where it deems appropriate as the appointing body, in reassessing your term of service?  Yes  No

(8) If circumstances require you to resign from the board/committee you are serving, you will inform the Principal Clerk, the chairman of your board/committee and Central Services.  Yes  No

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**This section for Erskine board nominees only**

**D. ERSKINE NOMINEES ONLY**

Having been recommended to the Committee on Nominations for service on the Board of Trustees of Erskine College, I affirm that I have read, understand, and am in agreement with the 1977 Report of the Special Committee on Christian Higher Education, the Statement of Philosophy on Christian Higher Education, and the Statement of Evangelical Christianity.

Please provide your answer to the following question (if necessary, attached a separate page for this answer):  
*What do you understand to be the role of a trustee of Erskine College and Seminary?"*

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**ALL NOMINEES PLEASE PRINT, SIGN, AND DATE TO AFFIRM ALL SECTIONS (A, B, C, and D)**

Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Board/Committee/Commission you are being recommended for

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