

Dear Presbytery —

The PTCA Nominating Committee has been actively working to improve how we identify interested persons from our faith communities and match their spiritual gifts to help us grow and lead our Presbytery to make a difference in the world.

It is our desire to support the Moderator's vision for the presbytery and help to assure that each of the 59 faith communities are connected to others within the presbytery as well as continuing to develop and support tomorrow's leaders, and building upon the spiritual gifts of the estimated 14,000 members of those 59 faith communities. Romans 12:3-8 tells us to give humble service in the body of Christ, stating:

"For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness."

To help us achieve our goal, we are asking **all teaching elder members** of presbytery, **ruling elder commissioners** to presbytery, and **any other lay members of congregations** who would be interested in serving the larger church to please complete the [new Spiritual Gifts form](#) with your contact information as well as any skills and past experience related to your interest. In addition, we are asking **all clerks of sessions** to help us with this process by identifying congregation members who have an interest in developing their leadership skills or are willing to serve the broader church and have them complete the [new Spiritual Gifts form](#) with their contact information as well as any skills and past experience related to their interest. Page two of the form will provide additional information as to how one's spiritual gifts might be

used to support the presbytery. If you have any questions, please contact the presbytery office at 651.357.1150 or at office@ptcaweb.org.

It is our desire, as a Nominating Committee, to have broad, active, and engaged involvement from our local congregations on presbytery committees helping to influence, develop, and guide the church of tomorrow. Our success depends upon your involvement. We would encourage every teaching elder member of presbytery, ruling elder commissioners to presbytery, and any other lay member of congregations who would be interested in serving the larger church to please fill one out and send it to us. We will keep these on file for a few years and refer to them regularly as openings occur. The annual meeting of presbytery is in May, so new names are especially wanted in February to April, just when you may be looking for new challenges after serving a term as deacon or ruling elder locally.

As Galatians 6:10 tells us:

“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

In the Hopeful Spirit of Christ,

Thomas J. Ruter

Chair

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