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The Presbytery of Tampa Bay

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Dear Friend and Colleague in Ministry,

The Presbytery's Nomination and Representation Committee needs your advice. As a committee, we work hard to address the need for parity among the members of the Committees/Commissions of the Presbytery to reflect a balance of Elders and Clergy, in addition to reflecting the gifts and skills necessary for particular service, and to be mindful to address the diversity of the Presbytery. The Committee on Nominations and Representation has given attention to representation for and from the regions of the Presbytery. It is a challenging, yet rewarding assignment. And it is one we can accomplish with your help.

We as minister members seek to fulfill the Presbytery's mission of identifying and strengthening mature disciples for Jesus Christ. The commitment to that mission enables especially pastors engaged in parish service to fully know his or her congregation and the individual gifts of each member. That knowledge means you are in the best place to give us recommendations of persons to serve on the Presbytery's various committees and commissions, as well as commissioners to General Assembly.

We are asking that you take a few minutes while this letter is still on the top of the pile, to think and pray about the people in your congregation. Seek God's plan to bless them with the opportunity to serve. We truly have been given a rewarding, yet challenging task. So, thank you in advance for your time and attention. We look forward to receiving your suggestions for nominees and their contact information by March 15th.

Our work includes nominations for Commissions on Ministry, Vitality, and Preparation for Ministry, The Board of Trustees, Moderator, Vice Moderator, Permanent Judicial Commission, Cedarkirk and Beth-El Boards of Directors, and General Assembly and Synod Commissioners.

In God's Service,

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