

Proposed changes to the Bylaws of the Covenant Ministerium.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

ARTICLE I

Election

Current:

Section 1.1. The chairpersons of the regional ministerial associations shall constitute the nominating committee of the Covenant Ministerium. The president of the Covenant Ministerium shall designate the chairperson of this committee. They shall convene annually at the Midwinter Conference and shall present to the annual meeting of the Covenant Ministerium a ballot in printed form, with two candidates for each office to be elected. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. When there are more than two nominees for any position and no candidate receives a majority vote on the first ballot, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall stand as candidates on the subsequent ballot.

Proposed:

Section 1.1 The chairpersons of the regional ministerial associations, and the presidents from each of the ethnic associations of the Evangelical Covenant Church (as defined by Article XV of the bylaws of the Evangelical Covenant Church) and the presidents of ministerium associations, approved by the ministerium, shall constitute the Nominating Committee of the Covenant Ministerium. The Nominating Committee shall convene virtually as needed to select nominees. The Nominating Committee shall elect a chair and secretary from among its members to serve a one year term at the Fall Executive Committee meeting.

Section 1.2 The nominating committee will solicit names for consideration from the Covenant Ministerium.

Section 1.3 The nominating committee shall present to the annual meeting of the Covenant Ministerium a ballot in written form, with two candidates for each office to be elected. The nominees shall be submitted to the officers of the Covenant Ministerium no less than 45 days prior to the annual meeting of the Covenant Ministerium. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. When there are more than two nominees for any position and no candidate receives a majority vote on the first ballot, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall stand as candidates on the subsequent ballot.

Reasons for Proposed Changes:

- To include a broader spectrum of diversity in the nominating process which better reflects the growing mosaic of the Covenant as well as the voices of female clergy and chaplains.
 - To establish requirements related to reporting the names of nominees to the Covenant Ministerium which will facilitate greater familiarity with the candidates, thus helping all to make more informed choices when votes are cast.
 - Removes the requirement for convening at Midwinter as not all members of the Nominating Committee are able to attend every year. By allowing for virtual meetings we increase accessibility and increase the likelihood of fuller participation.
 - Clearly delineates both the term length for the Chair and Secretary as well as the process for election.
 - Allows the Nominating Committee to choose its own leadership.
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Agenda Item 5.b

AGENDA

Current: Nothing.

Proposed:

Article VI - Agenda

Section 6.1 The agenda for the annual meeting of the Covenant Ministerium will be made publicly available to the Covenant Ministerium no less than 30 days prior to the annual meeting of the Covenant Ministerium. The agenda shall include the nominees for officer positions.

Reasons for Proposed Changes:

- To establish a required deadline for publishing the agenda for the Covenant Ministerium which sets clear expectations for communication.
- Serves the Ministerium in its discernment work by establishing a minimum amount of time to consider business items which will be before the body at our meeting.