

Resolution 20

**NOMINEES FOR ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION ON
THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTERY**

- 1 WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
2 PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph c.
3 Nonresident executive presbyters, subparagraph (2)(c) *Additional*
4 *representation*, page 27, provides for three additional members of the
5 Executive Presbytery selected by the General Council from a list of
6 nominees provided by the General Presbytery; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The General Presbytery must select and submit four nominees for each
8 position to the General Council and the list from which those nominees are
9 selected is provided by more than sixty districts who may each submit their
10 own nominee; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Numerous districts have been challenged with the requirement to submit a
12 nominee selected at their district council in time for General Council
13 because their district councils are held in the summer; and
- 14 WHEREAS, It is reasonable that names and photos of nominees be received by the
15 general secretary's office in a timely fashion; and
- 16 WHEREAS, The General Presbytery only convenes once each year, typically during the
17 week of General Council, and are thus disadvantaged by needing to quickly
18 select names from large lists of nominees based on relatively little familiarity
19 with each of the candidates; and
- 20 WHEREAS, The Executive Presbytery meets multiple times per year and has the time for
21 more extensive review and consideration of nominees; and
- 22 WHEREAS, The General Council delegates would be well-served to have a list of
23 nominees benefitting from the wisdom and perspective of the larger General
24 Presbytery preceded by an initial review conducted by the Executive
25 Presbytery; therefore, be it
- 26 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
27 PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph c.
28 Nonresident executive presbyters, subparagraph (2)(c) *Additional*
29 *representation*, page 27, which reads:

1 (c) *Additional representation.* The nomination process for three additional
2 nonresident executive presbyters shall be made as follows: Each district
3 council, at its annual meeting prior to the General Council session, may
4 nominate three individuals from its district to the Executive Presbytery, one
5 who is an ordained minister under forty (40) years of age at the time of
6 election, one ordained female minister (no age requirement), and one
7 ordained African-American minister (no age requirement). The members of
8 the Executive Board of the National Black Fellowship shall also be
9 considered nominees for the ordained African-American minister. From the
10 nominees the General Presbytery shall select and submit to the General
11 Council four names of ordained ministers under forty (40) years of age at
12 the time of election, four names of ordained female ministers (no age
13 requirement), and four names of ordained African-American ministers (no
14 age requirement).

15 Be amended to read:

16 (c) Additional representation. ~~The nomination process~~ Nominations for
17 three additional nonresident executive presbyters shall be made as
18 follows: As determined by its district council, each
19 district council shall assign a designated body (such as, but not limited to,
20 their district presbytery or their district council) ~~at its annual meeting prior to~~
21 ~~the General Council session, may to~~ nominate three individuals from its
22 district to the Executive Presbytery, one who is an ordained minister under
23 forty (40) years of age at the time of election, one ordained female minister
24 (no age requirement), and one ordained African-American minister (no age
25 requirement). The members of the Executive Board of the National Black
26 Fellowship shall also be considered nominees for the ordained African-
27 American minister. From the nominees, the Executive Presbytery shall
28 select and submit to the General Presbytery a minimum of eight nominees
29 for each office. From the list of those presented by the Executive
30 Presbytery, the General Presbytery shall select and submit to the General
31 Council four names of ordained ministers under forty (40) years of age at
32 the time of election, four names of ordained female ministers (no age

1 requirement), and four names of ordained African-American ministers (no
2 age requirement); and be it further
3 RESOLVED, That the General Presbytery would forward this resolution to the General
4 Council as its sole sponsor, removing the names of the individuals
5 appearing below.

Sponsors: General Presbytery

Presented _____
Amended _____
Referred _____
Adopted _____
Lost _____