



**INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS**

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| <b>NAME OF STANDING COMMITTEE/AGENCY:</b>   |   |
| Committee to Nominate the Moderator   |   |
| <b>REMIT:</b>   |   |
| <p>The Committee receives recommendations of names of ministers, deacons or elders proposed as the next Moderator, and takes reasonable steps to publicise its willingness to receive recommendations. The Committee itself decides how best to proceed in its task in a fair and efficient manner having due regard to confidentiality at all stages. The work involves deciding on the gifts, experience and other qualities which are required for the post of Moderator at the relevant time, preparing a short-list from among the recommendations which the Committee has received, meeting with all persons on the shortlist; and selecting a nominee from among those on the shortlist.</p> <p>The Committee must inform the Principal Clerk of the name of the Moderator-Designate no later than 31 October each year.</p> |   |
| <b>CONVENER:</b>  | Immediate past-Moderator of the General Assembly, whom failing another former Moderator of the General Assembly |
| <b>CLERK:</b>   | The Principal Clerk or Depute Clerk   |
| <b>MEMBERSHIP:</b>  |   |
| Up to fifteen persons, comprising up to eight ministers and deacons and up to seven elders. All members of the Committee shall be appointed by the General Assembly through the nomination procedure on the recommendation of the Nomination Committee, which shall seek to recommend a Committee which is representative of the diversity of the whole Church.   |   |
| <b>FREQUENCY, TIMING AND VENUE OF MEETINGS:</b>   |   |
| <b>include mention of any particular day(s) of the week when meetings would fall</b>  |   |
| The Committee should meet before the end of June. Advertisements seeking recommendations from the membership of the Church will then need to be issued and the Committee will meet again in the second half of August and in September to bring forward a nomination for the Moderator by 31 October. The September meeting has been an all day meeting to allow time to meet the short list.   |   |
| <b>EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERS:</b>   |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of the role and duties of the Moderator</li> <li>• Knowledge of the diversity of the Church across Scotland</li> <li>• Awareness of the current circumstances of the Church</li> <li>• Willingness to work with others with an open mind to make a recommendation of a person who would be a suitable choice as Moderator from May 2022</li> <li>• Ability to attend Committee meetings in person, if held, bearing in mind current Government restrictions and guidance related to the COVID-19 pandemic</li> <li>• Ability to meet with other members of the Committee in video calls/online/virtually when a physical meeting is not possible or not required</li> </ul>  |   |



**FURTHER DETAILS:**

**Include any useful web links**

Please see the relevant regulations which can be found on the Church of Scotland website:

[Nomination of the Moderator of the General Assembly Regulations Regs 1 2013 \(as amended 2020\)](#)

[Office of the Moderator of the General Assembly Regulations Regs 2 2013](#)