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Dear Providence Presbyterians,

The Nominations Committee needs your help in its search for people to serve on Presbytery's ministry teams, other committees, and its council.

Enclosed with this letter are (1) a copy of Providence Presbytery's new mission statement and our three primary emphases for 2007 through 2011; (2) a brief description of the ministry teams, committees, and the council; and (3) a form to return to us with suggested names of people to serve (*please note: make as many copies of this form as you need*).

Please return your form(s) to Mark Verdery, our staff person for the Nominations Committee, ***no later than August 17, 2010***. You may return them in two ways: (1) electronically by going to the Presbytery's website www.providencepres.org and clicking on the link to the nominations form in the "Nomination Committee" box on the home page (just fill out the form and click "submit" and it will be emailed to Mark Verdery; or (2) return the completed form(s) by mail to the Presbytery Office to the attention of Mark Verdery.

This is an exciting time in the life of our presbytery as we continue to live into our new mission and our primary emphases. Please give this your prayerful consideration. Your suggestions are crucial to our process. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact me or Mark Verdery.

Faithfully,

Margie

Margie McCarter, Moderator
Nominations Committee

called to serve...called to relay...seeking his call in our lives.

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One of the Most Important Committees of a Presbytery

Yes, they ALL are important. But have you stopped to think how the other committees and ministry teams of Providence Presbytery are formed? The Nominations Committee is charged

with seeking out the right people to do the work God is calling the presbytery to do. That makes their job crucial to the work of the whole presbytery.

In a perfect world (something Presbyterians know eludes us on this side of the resurrection), pastors, sessions, individual elders, deacons, and other

members of congregations would fill out the forms the Nominations Committee distributes in order to have a large pool of eligible nominees. The committee would sort through those forms, consider the gifts and interests of each person, consult with ministry teams to see what the current needs are, and nominate those whose gifts match the needs. The floor of presbytery would always be open to further nominations, but presbytery would have a good idea that the ones its committee nominated would do a good job.



When there are not many names submitted, that puts the committee in a quandary. Even though those on the committee do know people outside their own

congregations, they don't know them as well as someone in the same church would. They may not know their strengths and weaknesses, their particular gifts, their specific interests.

They may ask a willing soul to serve in one area, when they would be better

suited for another area more to their liking. *Serving in a place that does not fit your gifts or interests is a recipe for poor participation and burnout.*



You can help.

1. Go to the Providence Presbytery website (www.providencepres.org) and download one (or more!) of the nomination forms. Click the "Nominations Committee" box on the home page.
2. Fill one out for yourself, listing your areas of interest.
3. See who has rotated off the session of your church and approach them about serving on a ministry team/committee .
4. Look through your church directory for possible candidates.
5. Give forms to these people, or get their permission to fill one out for them.
6. SEND THE FORMS IN TO THE PRESBYTERY OFFICE by August 17, 2010!