

**Response to question for clarification regarding the GC44 Commissioner replacement
Nominations team recommendation and the Executive Motion 2022-05-17-1**

Nominations team background for your prayerful discernment and consideration with regards to the team's recommendation and motion.

The Nominations team met on Monday, May 16, 2022 to review the nominations received to fill the recent vacancy to GC44. We received three nominations.

The task at hand was not any easy one, as we felt all three were excellent candidates, all three would prayerfully and competently serve the CSRC well and each brought different gifts and perspectives to the table. As a team we discussed each candidate's gifts as well as the category of candidates (lay or ministry personnel). This included a short discussion about the DLM classification – some see that classification as a specifically trained lay representative serving a particular role through a time limited appointment while others consider the DLM classification ministry personnel.

The team felt that Laura Hutchison could fall into either category, and as such, could possibly consider all proposals through both lenses.

Please feel free to contact Kathie Smith @ kgssmith7@gmail.com or 705-498-9948 if you have further questions for clarification.

Thank you for your time and service to the region.