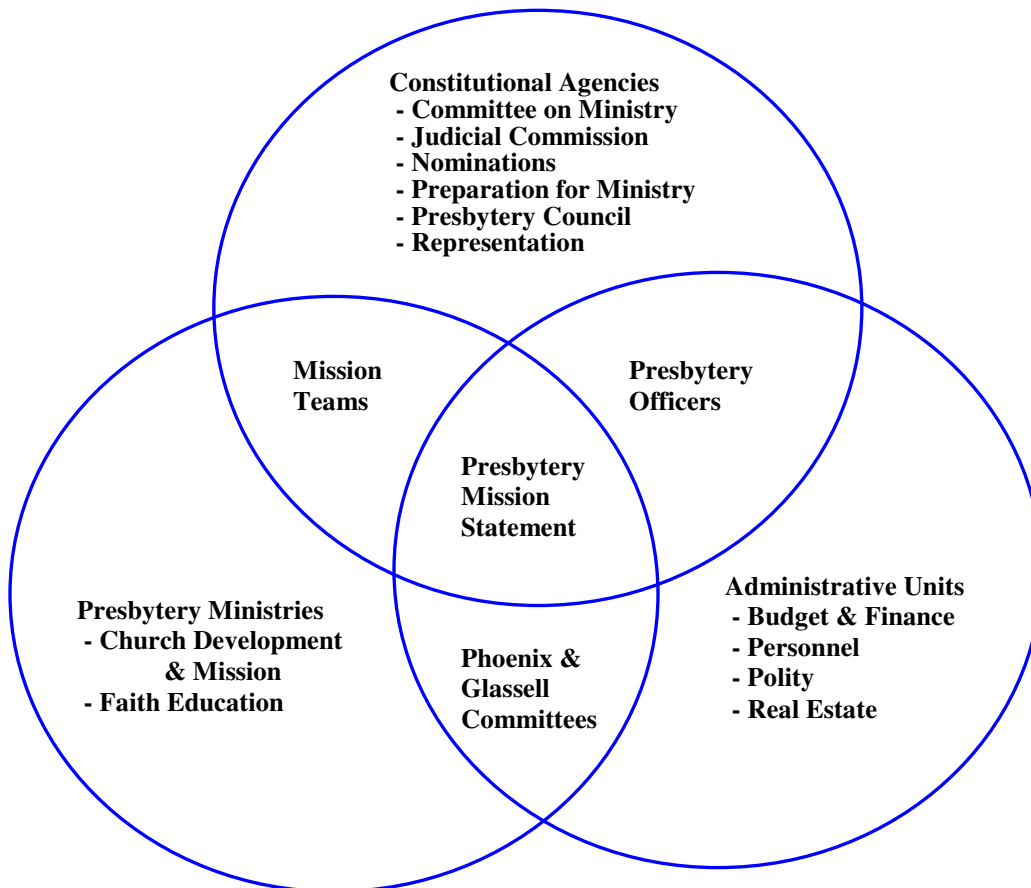


Presbytery of the Pines Mission Statement

Presbyterians
In Community
Nurturing
Educating *and*
Supporting each other in ministry and mission



Share the talents and skills of individuals from your congregation. The Committee on Nominations is seeking people to serve the larger community of faith at the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly levels through service on various agencies of these governing bodies.

As a regional governing body of the Synod of the Sun and Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), The Presbytery of the Pines provides resources and assistance to local congregations as they seek pastoral leadership, raise up leaders for the church, engage people in ministry and mission, and promote faithful Presbyterian and Reformed witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the World.

The Presbytery of the Pines works with member ministers and churches through ministries of education, resource development, leadership training, gospel witness, and counsel, to encourage, promote, and champion a spirited Presbyterian presence in their communities, in service to the Church's calling to be a sign in and for the world of the new reality which God has made available to people in Jesus Christ.

The following is a brief overview of the responsibilities for the agencies of our Presbytery. In order to make it possible for more laypersons to serve, almost all meetings are on Saturday.

I. CONSTITUTIONAL AGENCIES

The Constitutional Agencies shall consist of the administrative bodies that are required of presbyteries in the Book of Order (G-9.0902a). They are:

Presbytery Council: Coordinates the mission and program of the presbytery and other tasks as the presbytery may assign (BOO G-11.0103v)

Committee on Representation: Works with Nominations to insure that all persons have fair representation within the presbytery's structure (BOO G-9.0105, G-11.0302)

Committee on Preparation for Ministry: Responsible for receiving, overseeing, and nurturing those under care of the presbytery (BOO G-14.0400)

Committee on Nominations: Nominates persons to fill vacancies on committees and other bodies that require election by Presbytery. (BOO G-9.0800, G-11.0103w)

***Committee on Ministry**: Counsels and supports ministers and congregations, responsible for care and nurture of member ministers, Commissioned Lay Pastors and Certified Educators (BOO G-11.0500, G-14. 0530)

***Permanent Judicial Commission**: Hear and give judgment on those cases that are duly brought before it (BOO D-5.000)

***Lay persons must be elders**

II. PRESBYTERY MINISTRIES

Presbytery Ministries serve the missional aims of Presbytery beyond the focus of the Constitutional Agencies. These shall include Church Development & Mission Ministries, and Faith Education Ministries. These Ministries may establish Mission Teams as needed to accomplish their tasks. These ministries shall report to Presbytery through the Presbytery Council.

Church Development & Mission Ministries: Provide congregational support in the areas of church transformation, church sustentation, new church development, and Presbytery missions.

Faith Education Ministries: Provide and oversee opportunities for theological education, spiritual growth, church leadership training, and forums regarding current ecclesiastical, religious, moral, and social concerns. Responsibility for acquiring, developing, and providing resource materials to assist churches, ministers, and presbytery agencies in the fulfillment of their mission; oversight, development, and use of Camp Alabama and Camp of the Pines. Charged especially to nurture and sustain a responsible Presbytery's response to Book of Order (G-3.0401)

III. PRESBYTERY ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT

The Presbytery Administrative Unit provides for the coordination of the administrative operations of the governing body. There are four committees in the unit: Budget & Finance, Real Estate, Personnel, and Polity.

Budget & Finance: Responsible for preparing Presbytery's budget, overseeing financial operations of the Presbytery, and shepherding the long-term financial stability of the governing body. Capital funds and a comprehensive fund development program are part of this committee's responsibilities.

Real Estate Committee: Responsible for overseeing and managing all properties of the Presbytery and the Presbytery's insurance affairs.

Personnel Committee: Responsible for overseeing and supporting the employees of the Presbytery, including exempt staff. In addition, this committee will oversee the administrative office operations.

Polity Committee: Handle communications to and from General Assembly dealing with changing the polity of the church. It makes recommendations to the Presbytery concerning recommendations of proposed amendments to the Form of Government. All proposed overtures to be sent to the General Assembly are referred to this committee to make recommendations on the overture at the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery. Also responsible for assisting the Stated Clerk in reviewing Session minutes and the training of Clerks of Session

The Committee on Nominations is responsible for presenting nominees at the last Stated Meeting of each year to fill all vacancies on continuing committees, councils, boards, and other bodies that require election by the Presbytery. Elected members of Presbytery agencies normally serve three year terms which begin January 1 after election. Elected members of the Permanent Judicial Commission serve a six year term.

In making nominations, the Committee strives for parity of clergy and laity. With the exception of the Committee on Ministry and Permanent Judicial Commission, lay representation need not be elders.

The Committee is continually alert to the total communicant membership of the church, including men, women, young people, ethnic groups and regional representation, to insure as broad a representation on all agencies as possible.

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Additional forms may be downloaded from the website.

**Recommendation and Self-Referral Form
The Committee on Nominations**

**Return by August 10, 2010 to:
Presbytery of the Pines, 210 North Bonner St., Ruston, LA 71270**

Please print the name of person being recommended

Preferred Mailing Address

City, State, Zip

Home Phone

Church Name and City

Business Phone

E-mail Address

Is the person an elder? _____

1. Agency where this person could best serve: (prioritize 1,2,3,etc.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Presbytery Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Faith Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Committee on Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Budget & Finance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preparation for Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Representation | <input type="checkbox"/> Polity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judicial Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church Development/Mission | <input type="checkbox"/> Nominations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Synod or General Assembly Committee | |

2. List previous service in local church or on Presbytery committees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Church School Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Deacon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church Committee Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Elder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Preacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Presbytery Agency |

3. Has this person been contacted and indicated an interest in serving? Yes No

4. Please use the back of this form to share other comments about this person's talents and abilities which prompts this recommendation.