

Nominating Committee

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Tim Sherman, chairperson

Note: This report was originally submitted to the Executive Leadership Team on April 18, 2023.

Thank you so much for entrusting us with the responsibility and privilege to serve our denomination by prayerfully seeking and selecting individuals to be placed on the ballot for ELT. While it is a humbling and solemn task, we are thankful to be able to serve on a wonderful team. Thank you again for appointing us. We count it an honor.

Our process was similar to the past. We met five times over the past several months: October 13, 2022; December 1, 2022; January 12, 2023; March 2, 2023; and March 20, 2023. We started by reaching out to those that have served or were willing to serve in the past to see if they were open to being considered again. On November 2, 2022, an email asked for nominations for the positions needed with responses requested by November 22, 2022. We are grateful that we received 27 nominations for ELT.

Once the list was complete, our team reached out to the individuals nominated to see if they were open to being considered. After that, we asked those open to being considered to fill out an information sheet by February 15, 2023, so that we could prayerfully seek God's direction and wisdom.

After receiving, reflecting upon, and praying over them, we met on March 20, 2021, to select two names to be placed on the ballot and an alternate for each needed position. Before that, we reached out to the references they put on their information sheet and also their leader (pastor, cluster leader, or bishop). Before, during, and after this process our hope was to complete the task in an atmosphere of prayer so that the Lord would lead clearly.

We are privileged to submit two names to be placed on the ballot and one name as an alternate if needed for your advice and consent. Their information sheets are provided as well.

Two members of the nominating committee, Jeremiah Greenland and Tim Sherman, were nominated. While the nominating committee discussed their region, those nominated left the Zoom meeting so that the team could discuss freely and make the best decision possible. Once the committee decided who should be placed on the ballot, the nominees were texted to rejoin the meeting.

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ELT Ballot

East Region, Lay

Ballot: Maria Alonso-Tomlinson and Jeremiah Greenland

Alternate: Brad Etchberger

Central Region, Clergy

Ballot: Michael Elkins and Tim Sherman

Alternate: Dan VanArsdalen

North Region, Clergy

Ballot: Tom Datema and Joshua Good.

Alternate: Randy Carpenter

West Region, Lay

Ballot: Michelle Harris and Andy Veenstra.

Alternate: Jeffrey Sherlock

Our sentiment as we submit this ballot is similar to what it was two years ago. God's hand has been so apparent to us during our national ballot preparations. Pastors across the denomination submitted amazing men and women to serve on the ELT. We have been overwhelmed, amazed, and thankful.

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity" (Psalm 133:1 NIV).

As we strive to continue to build God's Kingdom, how amazing it is that we can see this verse coming alive within our denomination. After much prayer and affirmation from God, we (the nominating committee) believe God wants the aforementioned names to be placed on the ballot, so we respectfully submit this ballot for your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Nominating Committee:

Tim Sherman, chairperson

Christine Augustat

Steve Fish

Jeremiah Greenland

Dalton Jenkins

Kristi McConnell