

General Council of Pastors and Elders Church of God in Christ

Election Protocol

Call for Nominations

Name of nominee Email address
Church Phone Number
Name, church and email address of person making the nomination

Nominee Qualifications

The candidate should be in good standing with the National Church and the jurisdiction [and] have a current valid credential holder card. Any candidate running for open positions in the jurisdiction should also complete the sexual misconduct training and submit to a background check as prescribed by the national church. Upon their election in the jurisdiction and confirmation that they have met the national standards, the proper certificates will be released from the Office of the General Secretary:

Nominee Questionnaires

Every nominee must submit the appropriate nominee questionnaire in order to run for a position. Each year the Nomination Committee shall compose a questionnaire for each open position designed to elicit details of each nominee's relevant experience.

Candidate Questions

Name
Email Address
Phone Number

Provide a brief biography of recent experience, associations, and affiliations relevant to serving. Please be as specific as possible. Describe the relevance of your technical and professional experience to serve. Are there any conflicts real or perceived that might arise should you be elected? Describe any concerns or limitations on your ability to serve the entirety of a 4-year term.

Close of Nominations

The nomination period closes approximately 5 calendar days prior to the election. If the close of nominations would occur on a weekend, the nomination period is extended until the first following business day.

Finalizing Candidates

The Nominating Committee reviews all completed nominations to verify that the above process was followed and reviews the nominee questionnaires to determine that all nominees meet the general criteria for a membership. The minimum number of qualified candidates must total the number of seats up for each election, otherwise the nomination period will be reopened and another review held by the Nominating Committee.

Pastors and Elders Notification of Final Slate of Candidates

The Nominating Committee will send the final slate of candidates, via email to all Pastors and Elders members. The candidate list and biographical information are also posted by email. All candidates shall be given the opportunity to present themselves to the general membership in a brief speech on Election day.

Quorum

A Quorum is achieved by having ballots cast by at least 50% of the total voters present during Election day.

Voting

In order to vote during an Election, a Pastor's or Elder's membership must be in good standing.

Vote Counting and Results

The Nominating Committee shall tally the votes to determine the winners. If requested by a candidate for election, they shall provide these individuals with an opportunity to view a copy of the voting log from the election.

Tiebreak

If multiple candidates receive the same number of votes for the final available open seat, those candidate names will be placed on a ballot to select a winner. The Nominating Committee will confirm the winner of the tiebreak election, who shall be declared to have won the election.

Term of Office

The term of office of the elected candidates will be four years, this initial term will expire in 2016, at which time the National Quadrennial election of officers will be held.