



INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS IN 2025

NAME OF STANDING COMMITTEE/AGENCY: Committee to Nominate the Moderator	
CONVENER/CHAIR:	Immediate past-Moderator of the General Assembly, whom failing another former Moderator of the General Assembly
VICE-CONVENER(S):	Not applicable
SECRETARY:	The Principal Clerk or Depute Clerk
<p>REMIT: The Committee receives recommendations of names of ministers, deacons or elders proposed as the next Moderator, and takes reasonable steps to publicise its willingness to receive recommendations. The Committee itself decides how best to proceed in its task in a fair and efficient manner having due regard to confidentiality at all stages. This is a task of prayerful collective discernment, based upon the paperwork and interview process that the Committee deem necessary.</p> <p>The work involves deciding on the gifts, experience and other qualities which are required for the post of Moderator at the relevant time, preparing a shortlist from among the recommendations which the Committee has received, meeting with all persons on the shortlist; and selecting a nominee from among those on the shortlist.</p> <p>The Committee must inform the Principal Clerk of the name of the Moderator-Designate no later than 31 October each year.</p>	
<p>SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE SOUGHT AT THIS TIME:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of the role and duties of the Moderator. • Knowledge of the diversity of the Church across Scotland. • Awareness of the current circumstances of the Church. 	
<p>EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willingness to work with others with an open mind to make a recommendation of a person who would be a suitable choice as Moderator from May 2026. • Ability to meet with other members of the Committee in video calls/online when a physical meeting is not possible or not required. • Attendance at online meetings in June and August 2025 and then at an in-person meeting in September 2025. • Maintaining strict confidentiality in respect of all Committee information and process, both during the process and thereafter. 	



MEMBERSHIP AND ANTICIPATED VACANCIES:

Include confirmation of the number of vacancies to be filled

NB: a completed Nomination Form must be submitted by all proposed nominees including anyone wishing to be put forward for proposed re-appointment

The Committee comprises twelve persons: eleven ministers and elders nominated by Presbyteries plus one deacon selected at random by the Clerks of Assembly.

The ministers and elders on the Committee are selected as follows: each Scottish Presbytery (provided that in the case of the Presbyteries of Clèir Eilean Ì: the Church of Scotland in the Highlands & Hebrides and of Lewis, this means the two Presbyteries working together) should nominate one minister and one elder to populate the Committee; the Presbyteries of England and of International Charges shall nominate one minister or elder for the Committee in each alternate year, the nomination being made in 2024 by the Presbytery of International Charges.

Nominations shall be sent to the Nomination Committee by 31 December. Upon receipt of all the nominations, the Nomination Committee shall select for appointment one or other of the nominees from each Scottish Presbytery, and shall appoint the nominee from the Presbytery of England or International Charges, with a view to creating overall a Committee which is diverse in office and representative of the diversity of the whole Church.

Each person serves on the Committee for one year only. No-one may be a member of the Committee more than once in any three year period.

FREQUENCY, TIMING AND VENUE OF MEETINGS:

include mention of any particular day(s) of the week when meetings would fall and whether meetings will be attended online and/or in person

The Committee normally first meets before the end of June and advertisements seeking recommendations from the membership of the Church are then issued. The Committee meets again in the second half of August to select persons for interview and finally in September to conduct interviews and bring forward a nomination for the Moderator by 31 October. The September meeting is normally an all-day in person meeting to allow time to meet the short-listed candidates.

DETAILS OF SUB-COMMITTEES/GROUPS:

include frequency, timings, venue and any particular day(s) of the week when meetings would fall

Not applicable

FURTHER DETAILS:

Include any useful web links

Please see the relevant regulations which can be found on the Church of Scotland website:

[Nomination of the Moderator of the General Assembly Regulations: Regs II 2013](#)

[Office of the Moderator of the General Assembly Regulations: Regs II 2013](#)