

Relationship of PSMC Gift Discernment Committee to PSMC Executive Board

The PSMC gift discernment committee was formed by the PSMC Board of Directors to provide a nominating committee function within the PSMC. The PSMC gift discernment committee does its work under the authority granted it by the PSMC Board of Directors. The committee's basic responsibility is to discern qualified people who are willing to serve on the PSMC Board of Directors, on other conference committees, and as PSMC representatives to various boards, committees and commissions. The gift discernment committee does its work and presents candidates for various positions either to the PSMC Board of Directors or to the PSMC delegates meeting at the annual summer Assembly.

The PSMC gift discernment committee is not currently mentioned in the PSMC by-laws but it is assumed that members of the committee will be approved by the PSMC delegates at the annual summer Assembly. These members serve three year terms on the gift discernment committee. A member can serve a maximum of two consecutive three year terms on the gift discernment committee. There are four persons on the gift discernment committee. Three members of the committee represent the three geographic areas of the conference. The fourth member of the committee shall be the past-moderator of the PSMC.

Gift Discernment Committee functioning

The PSMC gift discernment committee shall organize itself, naming its own chairperson. The committee shall schedule meetings as it deems appropriate.

Communications with the PSMC Board of Directors

Since the PSMC gift discernment committee serves at the behest of the PSMC Board of Directors, it is important that clear lines of communication be established. The PSMC gift discernment committee shall send one of its members to the October PSMC Board of Directors meeting for a time of reporting and discussion. The gift discernment committee will bring a slate of names to the PSMC delegates at the annual summer Assembly. The gift discernment committee is also expected to present candidates for various positions to the PSMC Board of Directors as necessary.

Discernment process

The PSMC gift discernment committee will develop its own methods for discerning candidates for various conference related positions. This should include dialogue, both formal and informal, with people within the conference. The committee should solicit input from the conference Board of Directors and forge strong relationships with conference ministers. When seeking to fill a position for a position on a particular board or committee, the gift discernment committee should contact the affected board or committee to solicit its input into the process.

The PSMC gift discernment committee will be particularly mindful of our conference's desire to reflect, through conference appointments and nominations, our diversity as a conference and our need for specific functional skills.

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