

2021 Committee on Nominations Report

The Committee on Nominations is charged with the task of reviewing the numerous recommendations provided by North Carolina Baptists for service on the board of directors of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSCNC), the committees of the convention and the boards of the related entities (North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, the *Biblical Recorder* and North Carolina Baptist Hospital).

We begin our work with the recommendations sent by N.C. Baptists and those provided by our respective entity heads. We carefully consider whether each candidate meets the qualifications for service as outlined by the convention bylaws. When exhausted, or in the event too few recommendations have been received for a specific place of service, the committee seeks to find candidates who meet the same requirements. Each name is prayerfully discussed and voted on in committee meetings. We then bring the approved names to the floor of the annual meeting for election by the convention.

The full report from the Committee on Nominations can be found on the BSCNC's annual meeting website (ncannualmeeting.org), in the October 2021 edition of the *Biblical Recorder*, on the *Biblical Recorder* website (BRnow.org) and in the BSCNC Book of Reports.

It has been an interesting two years for the members of the Committee on Nominations. In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic derailed all but two of our scheduled in-person meetings. Like many of the rest of you, we became all too acquainted with virtual meetings via the online meeting platform Zoom.

In God's providence, we were able to resume our in-person meetings in 2021, but were faced with an additional challenge: Half of the committee consisted of first-year members. Nevertheless, they rose to the occasion. N.C. Baptists have good reason to be proud of the 2021 Committee on Nominations, as well as the names to be presented for election.

It is not too early for N.C. Baptists to begin thinking about whom they will nominate to positions of leadership in 2022. N.C. Baptist churches are diverse in terms of both gender and ethnicity. Please think and pray about the recommendations you will make from large churches, small churches, rural churches, urban churches, new churches, historic churches, men and women, young and old, and potential leaders from across all cultural and ethnic groups. You may submit your recommendations online at ncbaptist.org/recommend or through the N.C. Baptist mobile app.

N.C. Baptists, we need you! Simply nominating someone to a position of leadership is itself an important act of leadership. Your input is essential to the ongoing effectiveness of the missions and ministries of the BSCNC as we seek to be a movement of churches on mission together.

Dustin Mace, Chair

2021 Committee on Nominations Members

Dustin Mace, Vale, Chair
Karin Blanchard, Hickory
Betsy Bolick, Boone
Joey Canady, Hampstead

Kris Estep, Waynesville
Amy Harrison, Mebane
Dave Heller, Whiteville
Donald Hollifield, Mill Spring
Nicholas King, Ellenboro
Heath Lloyd, Reidsville
Matt Miles, Conway
Heather Morris, Mint Hill
Brent Snyder, Newland
Dennis Thurman, Candler
Patrick Warutere, Raleigh
Jesse Watkins, Midland

The Committee on Nominations report follows the BSCNC's bylaws directive to "nominate persons for election by the Convention to the committees listed in Article I.C.1 (b) – (d) of these Bylaws, such other committees as may be assigned to it, the chair of such Convention committees, the Board, the members of the boards of trustees and directors to be elected by the Convention of the Related Entities, and such other nominations as may be delegated to the committee by the Convention."

Among other considerations for nominees, the bylaws state "It is desirable that at least twenty-five percent (25%) of members nominated to all committees of the Convention, the Board, and the boards of trustees and directors of the Related Entities shall come from churches with a membership under four hundred (400)." This is indicated in the committee's report by (O) for 400 and over and by (U) for under 400 in church membership.

The bylaws further direct that, "The Committee on Nominations shall include in its report at a minimum the name, church, home town, association, occupation, and sex of each nominee, the name of the committee or board on which the nominee is to serve together with such summary information as will make clear to this Convention the diversity and breadth of representation provided by the slates of nominees."

Board of Directors, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

Region 1

- William "Tom" Collins, 2022-2025, Conway (U), Conway, West Chowan Association, Lay Person, Male

Region 2

- No vacancies

Region 3

- Kevin Davis, 2022-2025, Antioch (O), Lumberton, Robeson Association, Minister, Male
- Danny Justice, 2024 unfilled term, Burgaw (U), Hampstead, Cape Fear Network of Baptist Churches, Minister, Male
- Jacob Lewis, 2022-2025, Haw Bluff (U), Bladenboro, Cape Fear Network of Baptist Churches, Minister, Male
- Matthew Tarpley, 2022-2025, Lake Waccamaw First (O), Lake Waccamaw, Columbus Association, Minister, Male

- Rebecca Wroten, 2022-2025, Mount Pisgah (U), Supply, Brunswick Association, Lay Person, Female

Region 4

- Zeb Cook, 2022-2025, Apex (O), Apex, Raleigh Association, Minister, Male
- Virgil Dwyer Jr., 2022-2025, Ives Memorial (U), Raeford, Sandhills Association, Minister, Male
- Zach Nelson, 2022-2025, Open Door (O), Wake Forest, Raleigh Association, Lay Person, Male
- Andrew Ivester, 2022 unexpired term of Matthew Hirt, Faith (U), Durham, Yates Association, Minister, Male

Region 5

- Clint Darst, 2022-2025, King's Cross (U), Greensboro, Piedmont Association, Minister, Male
- Iain MacSween, 2022-2025, Friendly Avenue (O), Greensboro, Piedmont Association, Lay Person, Male

Region 6

- No vacancies

Region 7

- Jerry Durmire, 2022-2025, Sulphur Springs (O), Hiddenite, Alexander Association, Lay Person, Male
- Kenny Pardue, 2022-2025, Union (O), Hamptonville, Brier Creek Association, Minister, Male

Region 8

- Lon Chenowith, 2022 unexpired term of Shanon Brower, Liberty (U), Forest City, Sandy Run Association, Minister, Male
- Janet Demeny, 2022-2025, Peninsula (O), Mooresville, South Yadkin Association, Lay Person, Female
- Greg Dry, 2022-2025, Cornerstone (U), Maiden, South Fork Association, Minister, Male
- Chris Fox, 2022-2025, Bethany (O), Forest City, Sandy Run Association, Minister, Male

Region 9

- Josh Evans, 2022 unexpired term of Jason Miller, Crabtree (U), Waynesville, Haywood Association, Minister, Male

Region 10

- John Bailey, 2022-2025, Marble Springs (O), Murphy, Truett Association, Minister, Male
- Sergio Barranco, 2022-2025, Highlands First (U), Cullowhee, Macon Association, Minister, Male

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

- W. Kenneth "Kent" Fann, 2022-2025, Freedom (U), Salemburg, New South River Association, Lay Person, Male
- Kenneth Haigler, 2022-2025, Wrightsboro (O), Wilmington, Cape Fear Network of Baptist Churches, Lay Person, Male
- Jerry Jordan, 2022-2025, Lakeview (U), Albemarle, Stanly Association, Lay Person, Male
- Justin M. Lee, 2022-2025, The Vine Fellowship (U), Clinton, Eastern Association, Lay Person, Male
- Mike Leslie, 2022-2025, Ninevah (O), Waynesville, Haywood Association, Minister, Male

- Joann Lutz, 2022-2025, Boiling Springs (O), Boiling Springs, Greater Cleveland Association, Lay Person, Female
- David Powell, 2022-2025, Salem (O), Elkin, Surry Association, Minister, Male
- David B. Smith, 2022-2025, Lenoir First (O), Granite Falls, Caldwell Association, Minister, Male
- Ryan Thomsen, 2022-2025, Providence (O), Raleigh, Raleigh Association, Lay Person, Male

Biblical Recorder

- Karen Kershner, 2022-2025, Holly Springs (O), Sanford, Little River Association, Lay Person, Female
- John McIntyre, 2022-2025, Wrightsville Beach (U), Wilmington, Cape Fear Network of Baptist Churches, Minister, Male
- Jonas Perez, 2024 unexpired term of Matthew Jacobs, Faith (U), Salisbury, Rowan Association, Minister, Male
- Marc Reynolds, 2022-2025, Little River (U), Hendersonville, Transylvania Association, Minister, Male
- Mike Stamper, 2022-2025, Arlington (U), Rocky Mount, North Roanoke Association, Minister, Male
- Marti Tidwell, 2022-2025, Charlotte First (O), Concord, Metrolina Association, Lay Person, Female

North Carolina Baptist Foundation

- Bruce E. Cannon, 2022-2025, Bear Creek (O), Bakersville, Mitchell Association, Minister, Male
- Michael C. Cummings, 2022-2025, Charlotte First (O), Charlotte, Metrolina Association, Minister, Male
- Robert D. Howard, 2022-2025, Southport (O), Southport, Brunswick Association, Lay Person, Male
- Melanie Wallace, 2022-2025, Hephzibah (O), Wendell, Raleigh Association, Lay Person, Female
- Glen Warren, 2022-2025, Clement (O), Hurdle Mills, Beulah Association, Minister, Male

North Carolina Baptist Hospital

- Stephen Robertson, 2022-2025, Calvary (O), Winston-Salem, Pilot Mountain Association, Lay Person, Male

Committee on Convention Meetings

- George "Caleb" Batts, 2022-2024, Hampstead (O), Hampstead, Cape Fear Network of Baptist Churches, Minister, Male
- Daniel Long, 2022-2024, King First (O), Pilot Mountain, Pilot Mountain Association, Minister, Male
- Matt Love, 2022-2024, Euto (O), Marshville, Union Association, Lay Person, Male
- Bob Lowman, 2022-2024, Idlewild (O), Charlotte, Metrolina Association, Minister, Male
- Peter McDonald, 2022-2024, Midway (U), Columbus, Polk Association, Minister, Male
- Lor Xiong, 2022-2024, Icard First (U), Connelly Springs, Catawba Valley Association, Minister, Male
- David Richardson, 2022 Chair, Peace's Chapel (U), Stem, Flat River Association, Minister, Male

Committee on Resolutions and Memorials

- Julius Muchangi, 2022-2024, North Raleigh International (U), Raleigh, North Carolina Miscellaneous, Minister, Male

- Jean Munyambabazi, 2022-2024, United Awakening (U), High Point, Piedmont Association, Minister, Male
- Jeff Salisbury, 2022-2024, Bay Leaf (O), Raleigh, Raleigh Association, Minister, Male
- Lance Cole, 2022 Chair, Ruffin Stacey (U), Reidsville, Dan Valley Association, Minister, Male

Historical Committee

- Brent Aucoin, 2022-2024, Durham First (O), Wake Forest, North Carolina Miscellaneous, Lay Person, Male
- Charles Haley, 2022-2024, Hickory Rock (U), Louisburg, Tar River Association, Minister, Male
- Paul Sanchez, 2022-2024, Starnes Cove (O), Candler, Buncombe Association, Minister, Male
- Bob Tatum, 2022-2024, Minneapolis (U), Minneapolis, Avery Association, Lay Person, Male
- Mark Thompson, 2022 unexpired term of Ryan Bliss, Centerview (O), Hubert, New River Association, Minister, Male
- Chivous Bradley, 2022 Chair, Pleasant Hill (U), Rutherfordton, Green River Association, Lay Person, Male