

Midwest Presbytery Committee Descriptions

You may send nominations by email or text to Tom Nelson at 574.773.3773 or tomnelson1963@ymail.com. Please be sure to ask the nominee for permission in advance. Include the person's name, church, and contact information.

Presbytery Council (2 Year Term), Dave Brown, Stated Clerk

The Presbytery Council is akin to the Session of the Presbytery. The Council membership consists of the Officers of Presbytery (Moderator, Moderator Elect, Stated Clerk, Assistant Stated Clerk, and Treasurer); Council (At Large Members) (Two Year Term); and Presbytery Administrative and Program Committee Chairs (presently six). The Council typically meets three times a year for face-to-face meetings; usually 2-3 weeks prior to the Presbytery meeting. The Council receives and reviews the reports of the various Presbytery Committees (this is to coordinate and give oversight to their work and to coordinate their work within the Presbytery and with that of the EPC General Assembly), provides guidance for the docket for the meetings of the Presbytery, proposes an Annual Budget to the Presbytery and oversees the Presbytery financial records, performs an annual review of Session proceedings for each church with the Presbytery, and provides oversight to the Office of the Stated Clerk. **For more information, contact David Brown (davidbbrown48@gmail.com); Andy Warner (ajwarner1@gmail.com); or Joyce Harris (jharris@firstepc.onmicrosoft.com).**

Ministerial Committee (3 Year Term), Josh Hanson, Chair

The ministerial committee works with churches and pastors. We help pastors find a call and help churches find a pastor. We help churches and pastors transfer into the EPC. Most importantly, we're here to help pastors and churches in any way we can. We meet three times a year for face to face meetings. Usually 3-4 weeks prior to presbytery meetings. We need every committee member actively involved in helping our Midwest churches. You may be asked to be a liaison with a church search committee and help them through the process of finding their next pastor. You may be asked to meet with a church session and pastor if there is conflict in need of resolution. You will be expected to participate in the examination process of ordination transfers into our presbytery. **For more information, contact ministerial.committee.chair@midwestpresbytery.org.**

Candidate Care Committee (3 Year Term), Glen Massey, Chair

The Candidates Care Committee performs two related and critical functions for the presbytery. It facilitates the successful development and ordination of those called to the office of Teaching Elder while simultaneously serving as the gate keeper ensuring only proper candidates are ordained. That process includes coordinating with and advising potential applicants, receiving recommendations from church Sessions, examining applicants and making recommendations on them to presbytery; managing approved candidates, examining them for ordination, and presenting them for examination by presbytery. The committee normally meets quarterly on the Monday prior to the Presbytery Council meeting. Meetings are normally conducted in Auburn, Indiana. Committee members are primarily responsible for participating in the examinations of applicants and candidates. On occasion, they may be called on to assist the Chair in conducting telephone reference checks or other administrative matters. **For more information, contact Glen Massey at candidate.epc@gmail.com.**

Nomination Committee (3 Year Term), Tom Nelson, Chair

The nominating committee seeks to fill open committee positions with called and gifted ruling and teaching elders. We want to do more than fill spots! Our desire is for every committee to serve the mission of Presbytery well. Much of our work is done over email or conference/video calls. You may also be asked to make contact with a potential candidate to verify their willingness to serve. **For more information, contact Tom Nelson at tomnelson1963@ymail.com.**

Church Development Committee (3 Year Term), Aaron Carr, Chair

We are in charge of planting and growing new congregations for the Presbytery. We also help with Revitalization for congregations in the presbytery who want to grow by making use of our Presbytery-approved processes. The Church Development Coordinator works with those congregations in taking them through a process and advising them. We are the gateway into the Presbytery and the EPC for congregations who are leaving other denominations or who are independent and wish to unite with our Presbytery. We are privileged to visit with such congregations and be the first to officially present the Presbytery and the EPC to them. In order to do our work, we need to meet as a committee more often than the Presbytery meetings bring us together. We usually meet face to face 2 or 3 times a year the morning of a Presbytery meeting. Our other meetings are held as needed via computers and phones in conference call type settings. Currently we meet as needed on Thursdays at 5:00 PM. We may meet in this way up to 8 times a year. In addition to meetings, some of our members also go to churches to conduct examinations and some of our members serve on Commissions that oversee new church plants. Our work is fun, and we get to see the Lord work in some great ways as he enlarges His Kingdom by growing congregations and planting new ones. But it does take some time and some commitment. **For more information, contact: Aaron Carr at acarr@firstprestrenton.org.**

Program Committee (3 Year Term), Jim Rizer, Chair

The program committee coordinates prayer and training sessions at the Midwest Presbytery meetings. **For more information, contact Jim Rizer at PastorJim@livinghopeec.org.**

World Outreach Committee (3 Year Term), Adam Reasner, Chair

The mission of the World Outreach Committee is to advance the global mission of the EPC by supporting our mission workers in the field and equipping churches in our Presbytery to fully engage in missions. In addition, we work closely with the Home Team that provides support for field workers for Engage 2025 seeking to bring the gospel to the Tatar people of Siberia. The WO committee meets two or three times a year, usually at 11 a.m. in host churches before the start of Presbytery meetings, although we sometimes meet by teleconferencing. Our expectation is that committee members will attend meetings, share in decision-making and support the global mission workers of Midwest Presbytery. **For more information, contact: Adam Reasner at adam@saintandrewepc.org.**