

Annual Conference Nominating Report: 2025

On November 2, 2024, during the Annual Celebration business meeting, Rev. Hank Fairman gave the report from the then “Governance Committee”. He announced that their task, after nearly four (4) years is completed and the information and suggestions will be handed over to what has been known as “Anchor”. Anchors was a task force to set definitions and format for the new Conference Governance. I will not go into the detail of the New Governance structure as both Rev. Jon Prain and Rev. Gilbert Martinez are most knowledgeable and would be a good resource for all questions.

Once the Anchor had the “committee” format ready, then that format was handed to the Conference Nominating Committee on August 9, 2025. Calling a nine-member Nominating Committee together took a bit of coordinating, but we all met via Zoom on August 24, 2025. Gilbert gave us a well-informed presentation of what the Governance structure is. (Thank you, Gilbert and Jon, for being a great resource for us during this time.)

Each member(s) was/were responsible for Nominating the Conference slots from their respective Association. As Hank Fairman stated to the Nominating Committee last Annual Meeting pertaining to the Nominating task for 2025: “this will be challenging, and your work will be cut out for you this first year.”

I want to commend the Nominating Committee members for their energy and dedication to pursue and fulfill this challenge. We did as best as able to invite individuals who have a passion and gift for specific committees and teams while adhering to the “Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, Inclusion and Justice Statement”.

I also would like to thank all those who said “yes” when asked to serve for the 2026 year. Attached is the 2026 slate. As this report was submitted on October 17, there are still openings for which the 2025 Nominating Committee will work with the 2026 Nominating Committee to complete before the end of this year.

Thank you to the Nominating Committee:

Gilbert Martinez and Gloria Cox	CMA
Ken Webster and Tim White	Western
Hank Fairman	Prairie
Paige Wolfanger and Robin Thomas	FVA
Tom Norwalk and Eric Quinney-Burnard	Eastern

Yours in Christ
Eric Quinney-Burnard