

Nomination Process for Executive Board Members

1. All nominees must be eligible to serve as stated in the Manual of Procedure (Chapter Four, Section 3, Article 2): “All voting members of the Executive Board shall be members in good standing of their local Brethren churches at the time of their election and throughout their terms of service.”
2. Persons can nominate themselves or be nominated by another individual.
3. All nominees must complete the nomination information form to be nominated, whether by the Executive Board or from the floor.
4. The Executive Board shall serve as the nominating committee for Executive Board members, and shall develop a ballot of nominees for said position.
5. Nominations from the floor will be accepted, provided that said nominee submits a completed nomination information form at the time of nomination, or has previously submitted said form for the office.
6. A new nomination information form must be completed for each election cycle.

Nomination and Election Procedure for Executive Board Members

1. Nomination forms will be made available at General Conference, online, and in a general distribution email. The nomination process, forms, and current members and openings should be included.
2. All nomination forms should be sent to the Moderator. The Moderator shall send by letter or email a confirmation of the reception of all nominations.
3. All nominations for Executive Board not from the floor need to be received no later than May 1st of the calendar year of General Conference.



4. The Executive Board shall evaluate all nominations using criteria established by the Executive Board. The primary criteria for this evaluation shall be:
 - a. Is the nomination form completed fully?
 - b. Does the nominee communicate an adequate understanding of our mission, vision, and core values?
 - c. If a layperson, has their pastor certified that they are a member in good standing in their church?
5. All nominees that meet the criteria shall be placed on the ballot. Individuals with incomplete nomination forms shall be notified by the Moderator and have the option of submitting a completed nomination to the Moderator prior to General Conference.
6. At the first business meeting of General Conference, nominees from the floor shall be accepted. Anyone nominated from the floor must:
 - a. Give consent to the nomination
 - b. Complete a nomination form, including the pastoral certification if the nominee is a layperson.
7. Nominees from the floor shall be evaluated using the criteria in item #4 at a special meeting of the Executive Board for that purpose. Nominees shall be notified if the nomination is considered incomplete or not acceptable. Nominees affirmed for the election process by the Executive Board shall be added to the ballot.
8. A majority vote is required for election. The top two persons receiving the most votes AND a majority (each delegate casting two votes) shall be elected to the Executive Board.



9. If less than two nominees for the Executive Board meet the requirements of item #8, a runoff election would be required. The runoff election shall include the persons receiving the four highest number of votes, with each delegate casting two votes, and the two persons receiving majorities shall be declared elected to the Executive Board. If one person receives a majority on the first ballot that person shall be declared elected. Then the two persons with the next highest number of votes shall be placed in a runoff election, with each delegate casting one vote, and the person receiving a majority shall be declared elected to the other open board position.
10. Openings in offices prior to completion of a term may be filled by the Executive Board in accordance with the Manual of Procedure and the Executive Board Policy Manual until the next General Conference when an election can be held for the open office. Such unexpired term elections shall follow the same nomination and election procedures as outlined above. The Executive Board shall serve as the nominating committee for Executive Board members, and shall develop a ballot of nominees for said position.



NOMINATION INFORMATION FORM

This is for ☐ Moderator ☐ Executive Board Member (please check one)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Business Phone: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Brethren Church where membership is held: _____

Please include current or recent (10 years) community or local church involvements that you believe have helped prepare you for this office:

Please include current or recent district or denominational involvements/offices held that you believe have helped prepare you for this office:

Please include any educational or professional training or experience that you believe has helped prepare you for this office.



CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE and CALL

1. How long have you been a Christian? _____ years

1. How long have you been a member of The Brethren Church? _____ years

1. Why do you desire to serve the Lord and the Brethren Church in this office?

1. Have you read the Manual of Procedure and understand the responsibilities of the office you are seeking? (please circle) Yes or No

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The Mission of The Brethren Church:

The mission of The Brethren Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who, united in Christ, embrace and reflect God's love and live in the transforming presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

As a Moderator or Executive Board Member, How do you understand this statement, and what are your responsibilities to fulfill this mission?



A 5-Year Vision for The National Brethren Church: Est. 7/2017

We will be a movement of regionally organized vibrant congregations fulfilling our shared mission.

We will accomplish this vision by:

- 1. Establishing Healthy Regional Structures*
- 2. Improving Organizational Relationships*
- 3. Providing Equitable Care for Leaders and Congregations*
- 4. Developing Leaders at All Levels*
- 5. Establishing New, Sustainable, Healthy Congregations*
- 6. Continuing to Nurture Our Global Partnerships*

What role as a Moderator or Executive Board Member do you believe you play in fulfilling this vision?

The Brethren Church's Six Core Values:

How do you as a Moderator or Executive Board Member see yourself living out each of these core values?

Contextual Brethren Life

Summary:

We are guided by traditions and values that shape our identity as The Brethren Church, but we seek to apply these traditions and values in ways that fit our context.



Incarnational Ministry

Summary:

Just as God's reign was ushered into the world by God becoming one of us (John 1:14-18), so we also practice ministry by immersing ourselves in the contexts to which God has called us. Such incarnational ministry is articulated in Paul's statement, "I have become all things to all, in order that by all means I might save some" (1 Cor. 9:22b).

Responsible Stewardship

Summary:

We recognize our responsibility to act as stewards of all that God has given us as The Brethren Church. The ultimate goal of our stewardship is to bear witness to God's Kingdom throughout creation. This commitment to stewardship extends to all areas of our shared life together.



Intentional Kingdom Witness

Summary:

We recognize that we are called to bear witness to the Kingdom of God to our neighbors and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:7). We understand that we should be actively pursuing opportunities to advance the Kingdom in all the places we find ourselves: locally, regionally, nationally, and globally. As Brethren led by the Spirit, we join together to extend the Brethren witness through the multiplication of disciples, leaders, and churches.

Servant Leadership

Summary:

We understand leadership to be to be the ability of a person or group to influence others toward achieving shared goals. Following Jesus' example, leaders in The Brethren Church consider themselves servants of both God and the people around them. We identify and promote the development of leaders at all levels of the church, both lay and ministerial.

Biblical and Spiritual Formation

Summary:

We are committed to being transformed into the likeness of Jesus through submission and obedience to Scripture and through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.



POLICY BASED GOVERNANCE is the operational model the Executive Board is implementing. It is outlined in "The Governing Role in The Brethren Church." Please read this document and indicate your response below:

PASTORAL RECOMMENDATION FOR LAYPERSON (Ministers are certified "in good standing" by their local churches each year. Said certifications are on record with The Brethren Church)

As a pastor of the _____ church, I certify that this nominee is a member in good standing, and eligible for this office.

_____ Date: _____
(signature)

(print name)

