

Committee on Representation and Participation (CORP)

Committee Members

There are six existing members of this committee: Marty Bruner, Lou Ann Johnson, Ginna Bairby, Maribeth Culpepper, Jane Moses and me, Ruth Montoya. (David Kirby relocated out of state in mid-year; two others resigned).

Scope of our Work:

Beginning in February, the committee met monthly to assure we had a complete slate of candidates for election at the 2018 fall meeting of the Presbytery. With support and suggestions from throughout the church, we were able to identify names of potential candidates who, in turn, agreed to place their name in nomination for various committees and commissions. We made a concerted effort to keep true to our Mission: ***“To assure that the Presbytery is served by the best and widest representation possible, while encouraging participation in the ministry, mission and work of the Presbytery by qualified persons from throughout the Presbytery.”***

Our Goals

In the process of preparing our final report, the CORP engaged in a discussion regarding the current composition of our committees/commissions, and determined that as we look to the future of our nominating process, it is imperative that we abide by our Mission (noted above). We observed that the statistical numbers indicate an existing imbalance on the various committees/commissions based on age, disabilities, ethnicity, theological frame of reference, gender, and sexual orientation. It is our hope that we are inclusive, not only on the basis noted here, but also to assure that the people we elect are able to fully participate in the life of the Presbytery without limitations, i.e. socio economic issues.

Words of Appreciation to you who are completing your terms of office - for your dedication and hard work. Thanks to the Chairs and Co-Chairs of the various committees and for their faithful members whose creative ideas contribute to the life of the Presbytery; thanks to the Presbytery Staff who remind us of our Polity and who support all we do.

And lastly, a personal thanks to the members of the CORP who worked diligently to fulfill our tasks in preparation for this weekend. In the midst of grief experienced by Marty Bruner on the loss of her husband, and serious health issues affecting Maribeth Culpepper, whose faith, great spirit and sense of humor has been an inspiration to us as she continues to recover from her surgery.

Ruth Montoya, Chair

