

PEC BYLAWS

A: NAME: The name of this organization is Presbyterians for Earth Care.

B: PURPOSE: The organization is formed exclusively for charitable, educational and religious purposes. No part of the income shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members or officers, except that the Steering committee may pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, or to make payments in accord with the Mission of the organization

C: MEMBERSHIP: Members of Presbyterians for Earth Care shall be those members of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and ecumenical friends, who voluntarily associate themselves with the organization and its purposes. The PEC Steering Committee will establish annual dues.

D: OFFICERS: There shall be a Moderator, Vice Moderator, and Treasurer elected for two-year terms on a rotating basis.

E: STEERING COMMITTEE: The ~~affairs of the organization between Annual and Special Meetings shall be conducted by the~~ Steering Committee is composed of the Officers, Regional Representatives, and any ~~at~~At-large members. ~~Six~~ Regional Representatives and At-large members will be elected for two-year terms on a rotating basis-. Six Regional Representatives will be from six regions composed of the following synods-:

- a) Pacific Region - Synod of the Pacific, Synod of Southern California and Hawaii
- b) Northwest Region - Synod of Alaska-Northwest, Synod of the Rocky Mountains
- c) Midwest Region - Synod of Lakes and Prairies, Synod of Mid-America, Synod of Lincoln Trails, Synod of the Covenant.
- d) Northeast Region - Synod of the Northeast, Synod of Trinity
- e) Southeast Region - Synod of South Atlantic, Synod of Puerto Rico, Synod of Living Waters, Synod of Mid-Atlantic
- f) Southwest Region - Synod of the Sun, Synod of the Southwest

Members on the Steering Committee ordinarily shall serve no more than six consecutive years.
An exception may be made if by majority vote of the ~~membership~~Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee may elect or assign an executive secretary, an editor of the newsletter, a webmaster, an audit committee, and delegates to corresponding bodies or advisors on matters such as theology, ethics, policy, or science. They may appoint committees and committee chairs or workgroups, recognize regional networks, plan conferences, or co-sponsor activities with ecumenical groups, and represent the organization before governing bodies of the church.

There shall be an Executive Committee and it shall be made up of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, and Treasurer. The Executive Committee will have full authority to act for the Steering Committee in managing the affairs of the organization between meetings of the Steering Committee.

F: ELECTION OF OFFICERS/STEERING COMMITTEE: The election shall be conducted electronically or by a mailed written ballot, ~~and electronic email, which that~~ is returned to the Nominating Committee coordinator or other designated person prior to the Annual Meeting. ~~If a tie vote should occur, it will be resolved by written ballot at the Annual Meeting. Should a vacancy occur between the time of publishing the ballot and the Annual Meeting, the Nominating Committee and members present may elect from the floor nominees whose willingness to serve has been obtained.~~ Moderator and Treasurer will be elected in odd years, with Regional Representatives from B, E, and F. Northwest, Southeast and Southwest Regions. Vice Moderator will be elected in even years with Regional Representatives from A, C. Pacific, Midwest, and D Northeast Regions.

Elected Officers, At-large and Regional Representatives will take office at the next meeting of the Steering ~~committee~~Committee, no later than October 1.

The Steering Committee may fill any vacancy on the Committee, including a vacancy caused by death, disability, removal, resignation, ineligibility, or otherwise, by appointing a successor to serve the remainder of the vacating Director's term. Alternatively, the Steering Committee may authorize the Moderator to make interim appointments to fill vacancies of Committee members which occur during unexpired terms. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy on the Steering Committee shall hold office until the Annual Meeting at which the successor is duly elected and assumes office.

G: ANNUAL MEETING: The Annual Meeting shall ordinarily be held ~~during the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), at the time and place designated by the~~ Steering Committee Annual Retreat. Special meetings may be called by ~~the Steering committee, or at the written~~ request of ~~10% of the 3~~ members of the Steering Committee. Thirty ~~days~~days' notice shall be given, and the nature of the business to be considered.

H: NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The ~~Annual Meeting shall include the election of~~ Steering Committee will approve a Nominating Committee composed of members not currently serving on the Steering Committee, and will have one member of the Steering committee appointed ex-officio, without vote. The Nominating Committee will solicit nominations from the membership, publish and present its slate of ~~nominations~~nominees at least one month prior to the ~~annual~~Annual Meeting.

I: QUORUM: For Annual and ~~Special Meetings, a quorum shall consist of members present at the meeting.~~ For Steering ~~committee~~Committee meetings, one-half of the steering committee members shall constitute a quorum.

J: DISPOSAL OF ASSETS: Should the organization vote to be dissolved, the Steering Committee, after disposing of any debts, shall dispose of the assets to another organization related to the Presbyterian Church (USA), which could carry out the intended purpose of the organization; or, to a charitable or educational non-profit organization which is established to carry out environmental and justice concerns.

K: AMENDMENTS: These By-Laws can be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present at any Annual or Special Meeting of the body, provided that the proposed amendment has been presented at the previous meeting, or mailed to the membership at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting at which the vote is to be taken.

These By-Laws were approved on July 17, 1995, at the Annual Meeting in Cincinnati, OH; amended on July 1, 1996 in Albuquerque, NM, amended in June 2001 at the Annual Meeting in Louisville, KY, amended in June 2004 at the Annual Meeting in Richmond, VA, and amended in February 2007 at the Special Called Meeting of the membership at St Simon's Island, GA.