



April 5, 2023

Dear Open Bible Minister,

In keeping with the nomination and election procedure (Article 5, Section 3, Paragraph 1, of the Policies and Procedures Section of the Open Bible Manual), the enclosed material is being sent to you by mail in advance of our upcoming National Convention business meeting.

Association members and lay delegates were invited to submit by mail their nominees, prior to February 22, 2023, for the convention-elected position of President of Open Bible Churches. A nominating committee appointed by the national board was commissioned to:

- 1) Tally ballots,
- 2) Determine potential candidates who were named on at least five percent of the nomination ballots,
- 3) Screen potential candidates for eligibility (Article 5, Section 2 of Bylaws),
- 4) Contact the potential candidates to ask whether they are willing to serve,
- 5) Receive a résumé of experience/qualifications and a one-page philosophy of ministry statement from each of the potential candidates willing to serve.

Enclosed is the official list of eligible and available candidates for the position of President of Open Bible Churches along with the requested information. The same information will be included in the convention packet.

Official Delegate Appointments

To participate at the convention business meeting or vote by absentee ballot, church delegates must be officially appointed by their church board of directors or congregation. Affiliated churches are entitled to one voting delegate to the National Convention per 100 active voting members of the church or fraction thereof. Each church packet contains a lay delegate form (green). Please complete and return the lay delegate appointment form by June 1, 2023. You may also complete the delegate appointment form electronically at bit.ly/DelegateAppointmentOBC (case sensitive). Please understand, lay delegates previously appointed for nominations in February are not appointed for the convention/election, so a new delegate appointment form must be completed if convention business meeting church delegates are desired. If church delegates have registered to attend convention, a delegate appointment form will still have to be processed for them to be able to vote at the convention business meeting. If you need absentee ballots for church delegates, please return the form to the national office by May 1 as indicated below.

Absentee Ballots

The election procedure also makes provision for absentee ballots for credentialed ministers in good standing (Article 5, Section 3, Paragraph 1, of the Policies and Procedures section of the Open Bible Manual) and church delegates who are unable to attend the convention. Absentee

ballots will be opened and cast in the business meeting election for the first ballot only. If you, as a minister, choose to exercise this absentee privilege, you must use the enclosed ministerial absentee ballot request form (beige) or the electronic form at bit.ly/MinisterAbsenteeRequest (case sensitive).

Please note: the church delegate appointment form includes boxes that can be checked to request absentee ballots for those delegates who will not be able to attend the convention. The minister's absentee ballot request and delegate appointment/absentee ballot request forms must be received at the national office by May 1. Absentee ballots can be cast only on an initial election ballot, should additional election ballots be necessary to determine an outcome.

Official absentee ballots will be sent from the national office by mail after May 1 to those who have made a timely request for them. Absentee ballots must be returned by June 1 in the official envelope which will be included with the absentee ballot. According to policy the election is by secret ballot, therefore, to maintain policy and the integrity of the election, no absentee ballots will be sent or received electronically by the national office and no lost absentee ballots will be resent.

The nominating committee has followed the nomination procedures as outlined in the Open Bible Manual and attempted to faithfully interpret the application of those procedures.

The 2023 Nominating Committee

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