

2016 Pax Christi USA National Council Nomination Letter

A key element in your ownership of Pax Christi USA as a national peace movement is the annual process of nominating and electing members to the National Council. The role of a council member is to assist in setting direction and policy for the movement throughout a three-year term. They also have the responsibility to assure the financial solvency of the organization, including active participation in development efforts. Each council member plays a critically important role in advancing Pax Christi USA's peacemaking. Therefore, we need your thoughtful, prayerful help in finding the best possible nominees.

When suggesting names for the National Council, it is essential to fulfill the following qualifications:

- Nominee must be a member of Pax Christi USA
- Nominee must be willing to serve a three-year term beginning in June 2016
- Nominee must offer some significant contribution to Pax Christi USA's work for peace at the national level (e.g., a history of active peace work, a skill such as development or organizational management, leadership qualities, accounting, legal background, and/or ability to write and/or publish)
- Nominee must agree to take an active part in two annual council meetings and accept council committee assignments that require work between council meetings
- Nominee must be willing to assist with fundraising projects of Pax Christi USA
- Nominee must be willing to support and endorse Pax Christi USA's long-term goal of transformation into a multicultural, anti-racist organization

National Council meetings are held two times per year: 1) during late November or early December; and, 2) in the summer at the time of the annual national gathering. At this time, council members pay for their travel and lodging. However, exceptions are made as needed.

In order to expand our membership into new communities of peacemakers in the United States, we are eager to reflect greater racial, ethnic, and generational diversity on the National Council. We ask that you bear this in mind when advancing nominations.

All nominations **must** be postmarked by **April 1, 2016** to be considered for the ballot.

To nominate someone for the National Council, it is important that complete, accurate information be sent. **Prior to nominating a person, you must be sure the nominee is willing to serve on the council and make the above commitment.** Please fill out the form below and return it to:

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
c/o Kimberly Mazyck
2101 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
#310
Washington, DC 20009**

Or by email to:

kmazyck@gmail.com

Name of Nominee: _____

Gender: _____ **Is this person a young adult (18-30):** _____

Address: (include Street, City, State, Zip) _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

1. Pax Christi USA is committed to becoming a multicultural, anti-racist organization that reflects today's church, the Body of Christ, at all levels. As we seek a ballot that includes people from a variety of backgrounds and life experiences, please describe (a) the nominee's ethnicity and (b) how the nominee has worked for multiculturalism and against racism, if applicable.

2. What has been the nominee's involvement with Pax Christi (locally, regionally, and/or nationally/internationally)?

3. What has been the nominee's involvement in other peace and justice work? In the Church?

4. What personal attributes does this person possess that would be beneficial for Pax Christi USA's National Council?

5. What professional skills (for example, finance, legal, fundraising/development) does this person have to contribute to Pax Christi USA's mission?

6. Give examples in which this person demonstrated leadership.

7. What other information would you like to provide about this nominee?

8. Date nominee agreed to be considered for nomination to the National Council:

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: (include Street, City, State, Zip) _____

Please complete and send in this form by **April 1, 2016** to:

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