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## **National Leadership Team**

Executive Summary Report to  
the 43<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly



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As you probably know, the NLT, though not a “court” of the Church, functions much like the Session of our denomination, seeking to fulfill the wishes and requirements of the General Assembly. In between yearly GA meetings, we seek to accomplish what has been asked of us, to maintain a sense of EPC unity, and to lead in such a way as help our denomination fulfill God’s design for us.

These changes require us to listen well, to be steadfast in our faith, and to be adaptive in our leadership. This year, we continue transitioning in a changing church world. At the top level of National EPC Leadership, we met four times virtually and in person, plus in many committee meetings. We have been applying energy prayerfully for positive changes, for example working:

- To respond to the toll the last few years have taken on pastors and their families. We continue to look for ways to strengthen and refresh our pastors, using events like Spouse Retreats and EPC Israel Trips to reenergize leaders. We worked on adding Church Health Coordinators for each Presbytery.
- To help address the racial struggles in our churches and world. As asked by the 42nd GA, I appointed, and the National Leadership Team began to interact with a multiethnic group of EPC Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders to work on a Pastoral Letter of Racial Lament and Hope. This will be a two-year process seeking to write an internal letter to guide EPC pastors and congregations scripturally and confessionally through the tensions of racial strife in our world. We all know it is a massive, complex, and divisive issue. The group is prayerfully making progress.
- To review and adjust our organization and resources to align with a renewed focus on evangelism, including emphasizing the training of the EPC’s Three Circles, evangelism training, and renewed focus on resources around Church Health.



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- To continue the momentum as a church planting movement. With Tom Ricks moving from a stipend-based resource to our full-time National Director of Church Planting, and emerging Regional Directors, we are well positioned to continue to carry out the Great Commission on the home front.
- To adapt in leadership as a part of the Lord's Global Movement. A very successful Family Gathering for our Global Workers and their families as well as renewed energy with the addition of new staff leadership.
- To gather and equip Next Generation, Revelation 7:9, and Presbytery Leaders as Effective Biblical Leaders. We are working hard to meet and address the new and emerging realities while maintaining our high Presbyterian, Reformed, Evangelical and Missional standards.

Respectfully submitted,

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