

# THE PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT

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To: Pastors and Clerks of  
Session Presbytery of  
Detroit

From: Committee on Nominations

Subject: **Your Recommendation of Commissioners and Young Adult Advisory Delegates to 225<sup>th</sup> (2022) General Assembly in Louisville, KY.**

Please find forms enclosed for Session Endorsement for nomination of Teaching Elder commissioner, Ruling Elder commissioner, and Young Adult Advisory Delegate to General Assembly.

From our Presbytery, three Teaching Elder commissioners, three Ruling Elder commissioners, one Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) and alternates will be elected in November 2021 to the Assembly to be held in Louisville, Ky from June 17-July3, July5- 9, 2022. The Commissioners duties will be divided into assigned sessions of Five days, (except session June 17-23) with travel to and from Louisville as determined by GA. The Plenary will be virtual from June 18-19, July 5-9, 2022, all Commissioners must participate. Commissioners to General Assembly should be individuals of faith and commitment to Christ who are willing to study pertinent issues facing the church and society. They need to be willing and able to discern for themselves and vote their conscience on the issues before the Assembly. They are not elected to represent a particular viewpoint, but to be open to hear many ideas and then prayerfully act upon their own best decisions. For elected commissioners and the YAAD, expenses for the General Assembly are paid by Presbytery.

Although Teaching Elder selection criteria are shown in the Guidelines, the Committee on Nominations invites teaching elders to let us know if they are interested in serving as Commissioner. A Teaching Elder application form is enclosed.

For Commissioners and the YAAD our committee needs your recommendation forms along with the Questions form completed and returned to the Presbytery Office postmarked no later than **Sept 1, 2021**. This will allow processing time for the nominees to be elected at the November Presbytery meeting. Nominations may also be submitted by FAX or email to the Presbytery Office.

Although unexpected conditions sometimes occur, please make certain that at the time of applying, all recommended individuals will commit to attend the General Assembly in Louisville, KY, June 17 through July 3, 2022. **You will return home after your session in Louisville to participate in the virtual plenary July 5-9, 2022.**

Sincerely,  
Rosy M. Latimore, Chair  
Committee on Nominations

## Enclosures:

Questions for Applicants  
Ruling Elder Commissioner Application Form  
Teaching Elder Commissioner Application Form  
Young Adult Advisory Delegate Application Form  
Guidelines

**Committee on Nominations  
Presbytery of Detroit  
Guidelines for General Assembly Representation (Adopted May 28, 2002)**

Commissioners to each General Assembly shall be nominated at the November stated meeting prior to the assembly according to the guidelines approved by the Presbytery. The Moderator of Presbytery shall be one of these nominees and when elected, shall serve as coordinator of the General Assembly Commissioners. The Moderator shall also serve as liaison for the Presbytery with all persons serving from this Presbytery on General Assembly units. Should the Moderator not be elected a Commissioner, the elected Commissioners shall elect a Coordinator from among themselves to fulfill the above responsibilities.

**Ordained Minister Guidelines for Nomination:**

1. Committee on Nominations will solicit applications from clergy, but will not be limited to only those who apply.
2. Ministers are representatives of their own membership in Presbytery, not the place of service. Generally, only one G. A. Commissioner is sent from any church.
3. A balanced mix based on age, sex, race, ethnicity and theology.
4. Active in life of Presbytery.
5. Regular attendance at Presbytery stated meetings.
6. Member of Presbytery at least one year.
7. Not transferring out of the Presbytery by Assembly time.
8. Longest time elapsed since having been a commissioner.

**Elder Guidelines for Nomination:**

1. Session takes initiative in submitting name to Committee on Nominations and providing application completed by elder and session.
2. A balanced mix based on age, sex, race, ethnicity, theology and church; city, rural, suburban, large, small
3. Commissioners active in the life of Presbytery: meetings and/or structure.
4. Church never having had a commissioner or, longest time elapsed since church sent a commissioner.

**Youth Advisory Delegate Guidelines for Nomination:**

1. Session takes initiative in submitting name to Committee on Nominations and providing application completed by youth and session.
2. Not over 23 years of age.
3. Not under 17 years of age.
4. Active in the life of church.
5. Church never having had a Youth Advisory Delegate or, longest time elapsed since church sent a Youth Advisory Delegate.

**Emergency Appointment of G. A. Commissioners:**

The Moderator, when at General Assembly and when the Presbytery slate of commissioners falls below our quota, may appoint members of Presbytery staff who are present to fill out the term or terms as required. This provision will be voted on annually by Presbytery in order for it to take effect that particular year.



## Docket for the 225th General Assembly (2022)

All times listed for Eastern Time Zone.  
Commissioners and Advisory Delegates will participate in online educational space and review all items of business prior to the General Assembly.

Fri., June 17	Sat., June 18
Committees A-D arrive	8:30-10 am Leader Briefing
	11:00 am Opening Worship 1:00 pm Plenary 1 3:00 pm Break 3:30 pm Plenary 2 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm Plenary 3
	8:00 pm Moderator Election

Sun., June 19	Mon., June 20	Tues., June 21	Wed., June 22	Thurs., June 23	Fri., June 24	Sat., June 25
<b>Juneteenth Worship and Observance</b>	Committees A-D in session			Committees A-D depart		
3:00 pm Commissioners' Resolutions Due 5:30 pm Bills and Overtures Committee			Committees E-H arrive	Committees E-H in session		
			<i>Hands and Feet?</i>			
Sun., June 26	Mon., June 27	Tues., June 28	Wed., June 29	Thurs., June 30	Fri., July 1	Sat., July 2
Committees I-L arrive	Committees I-L in session			Committees I-L depart		
Committees E-H depart			Committees M-P arrive	Committees M-P in session		
			<i>Hands and Feet?</i>			
Sun., July 3	Mon., July 4	Tues., July 5	Wed., July 6	Thurs., July 7	Fri., July 8	Sat., July 9
Moderator Training	Moderator Training	11:00 am Worship Plenary 4	11:00 am Worship Plenary 7	11:00 am Worship Plenary 10	11:00 am Worship Plenary 12	11:00 am Worship Plenary 15
		2:00 pm Lunch Plenary 5 Coffee Break	2:00 pm Lunch Plenary 8 Coffee Break	2:00 pm Lunch Plenary 11	2:00 pm Lunch Plenary 13 Coffee Break	1:00 pm Lunch
Committees M-P depart		7:30 pm Dinner Plenary 6	7:30 pm Dinner Plenary 9	<i>Afternoon/ Evening will continue plenary or focus on Hands and Feet.</i>	7:30 pm Dinner Plenary 14	2:30 pm Plenary 16 Break
						5:30 pm Plenary 17

Worship and Plenary June 18 will be a hybrid of online and in-person participants. July 5-July 9 will take place online.

## Questions

### for GA Teaching Elder, Ruling Elder and Young Adult Advisory Delegate Nominees

*(Please forward to the nominee and then return with recommendation of Session)*

1. What has been your most meaningful experience in the life of your congregation?
2. What has been your most meaningful experience in the Presbytery of Detroit?
3. How have you been involved in our Presbytery?
4. How would you approach interpreting the General Assembly experience upon your return home?
5. What do you see as the most important function of the Presbytery?
6. Why do you want to go to General Assembly?
7. What do you see as a major issue confronting our denomination at this time?
8. What does it mean to you to be a Presbyterian?
9. What would guide your voting decisions?

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(name)

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(church)

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**Clergy Application Form**  
**Teaching Elder Commissioner to 225th General Assembly**  
**Louisville, KY – June 17 to July 9, 2022**

The Committee on Nominations is charged with the responsibility of nominating commissioners to the biennial General Assembly. Teaching Elders are asked to fill out a form to apply to be commissioners. We want to be sure that we have not missed those who have not had the opportunity to be a commissioner to a General Assembly.

We look at many different criteria in selecting nominees. If you apply but are not asked to serve, it may be because you have been a commissioner recently, or your church is being represented by another commissioner, or because we are seeking to balance our slate. The Committee on Nominations is not limited to select those who apply, but we are grateful for those who fill in the information listed below. Thank you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Ordination \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age group: \_\_\_\_\_ 25-35; \_\_\_\_\_ 36-45; \_\_\_\_\_ 46-55; \_\_\_\_\_ 56-65; \_\_\_\_\_ 65+

Health: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you able to tolerate the long hours the GA workload demands? \_\_\_\_\_

Attendance at Presbytery meetings: \_\_\_\_\_ Regular; \_\_\_\_\_ Occasional; \_\_\_\_\_ Almost never

Past service to the Presbytery: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Current service to the Presbytery: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been in the Presbytery of Detroit? \_\_\_\_\_

When was the last time you were a commissioner to a General Assembly? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any reason you could not serve as a commissioner, if elected? \_\_\_\_\_

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of Session

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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