

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 225th (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 Juneteenth Worship and Observance 3:00 pm Commissioners' Resolutions Due 5:30 pm Bills and Overtures Committee	Mon., June 20	Tues., June 21	Wed., June 22	Thurs., June 23	Fri., June 24	Sat., June 25
	Committees A-D in session			Committees A-D depart		
			Committees E-H arrive	Committees E-H in session		
			Hands and Feet?			
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		
			Hands and Feet?			
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?

(name)

(church)

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