



Process for Nominating and Electing Commissioners and Youth Advisory Delegate to the General Assembly

The Nominating Committee recommends the following proposed process for nominating and electing commissioners to General Assembly.

1. Basic Eligibility Criteria

For Ministers:

- a) **Should** be an active or at-large member¹ of the presbytery for at least two years by the time of the election by the presbytery **to** the **General** Assembly, and must have been ordained for at least three years by the time of the **General** Assembly.
- b) **Should** have attended six out of the last ten Presbytery assemblies.

For **Ruling** Elders:

- a) Must be a member of one or more of **the Presbytery of Denver's** churches for at least two years by the time of the Assembly.
- b) The church of the **ruling** elder's current membership **should** have had commissioner representation at six of the last ten Presbytery assemblies.

2. Guidelines for selection of Nominees

- a) All ministers meeting the above criteria will be invited to submit a self-nomination form.
- b) All **ruling** elders from churches who have met the **Presbytery** assembly attendance criteria will be invited to submit a self-nomination form.
- c) All sessions will be invited to submit an endorsement of a **young adult, who is age 17-23 on the date the assembly convenes**, who meets the G.A. age eligibility. The **young adult** will also submit a self-nomination.
- d) Minister and **ruling** elder commissioners of the Presbytery of Denver to the General Assembly are called, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to offer direction in the decision-making processes of this, the most inclusive governing body of the Church. This responsibility shall be entrusted to those who have, by their participation:

- Demonstrated leadership ability and competence to represent the Presbytery of Denver
- Effective service in the life of the presbytery and/or congregation
- Commitment to the on-going life and welfare of the PC(USA) at **its various** levels

Ministry in this capacity will require:

- Awareness of the major issues before the G.A.
- Ability to function actively with the committee process
- Willingness to study, report and interpret the work of the G.A. prior to and during the years following the Assembly.

3. The Nominating Committee will be committed to the principles of inclusiveness as set forth in the Form of Government, and will ensure equal opportunity for all qualified persons to be considered for this service.
4. All names of candidates for nomination will be submitted to the Nominating Committee on an official nomination form. This form will request specific information, including a brief biographical sketch which shall include the nominee's service and qualification, and a personal statement as to the reasons why he/she wishes to be G.A. Commissioner. The Nominating Committee may provide for face-to-face interviews with candidates.



Process for Nominating and Electing Commissioners and Youth Advisory Delegate to the General Assembly

5. The Nominating Committee ***submits to the Presbytery a slate of nominees equal to the number of commissioners assigned to the Presbytery, and*** an appropriate number of alternate nominees. Nominations from the floor are always in order, providing that the consent of the person has been obtained and a written statement as defined in #4 above is distributed.

¹ ***“Membership” begins upon either the installation of a minister by the Presbytery (for an installed pastor), or upon the vote of the Committee on Ministry accepting the minister as a member of the Presbytery (for honorably retired, at-large, or validated ministries).***