

APPLICATION TO SERVE AS A COMMISSIONER OR YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY DELEGATE (YAAD) TO THE 226th GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2024)



To: Pastors, Clerks, and Members of Churches in the Presbyteries
of Des Moines, North Central Iowa, and Prospect Hill

Please make this application form widely available within our congregations! All teaching elders, ruling elders and young adults may apply to serve.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) meets every other year in even-numbered years. It consists of commissioners - teaching elders (ministers) and ruling elders (active on session or not) and Young Adult Advisory Delegates (either ordained or not) - elected by each of our 167 presbyteries. **Each Iowa presbytery sends one teaching elder commissioner, one ruling elder commissioner, and one Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) to the next General Assembly.**

The GA is full of activities: business sessions, committee meetings, an exhibit hall, daily worship services, and mission tours. The GA pays or reimburses the expenses of GA service.

The 226th General Assembly will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, from June 25 to July 4, 2024.

At their fall meetings, presbyteries will elect one teaching elder to serve as a commissioner (and one alternate), one ruling elder to serve as a commissioner (and one alternate), and one Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) (and one alternate).

Info Specific to YAADs. Our elected YAAD will have the right to vote in an advisory capacity to the General Assembly, to speak on the floor of the Assembly, and to serve as a full voting member of the General Assembly committee to which he/she is appointed. YAADs must be **at least 17 but not more than 23 years old** at the time of General Assembly.

Nominating criteria for Commissioners and YAAD include:

1. Active commitment to, and involvement in, the work of the presbytery through committee, commission or task force work, attendance, and support of its goals and objectives.
2. Knowledge of issues and skills in procedures as shown in their functioning in church governing bodies.
3. Willingness to accept the responsibilities involved - attendance at preparatory meetings, attendance and participation at the Assembly, effective reporting in the presbytery upon return, and **participation on the Bills & Overtures Task Force until the next General Assembly in 2026.** A willingness to continue service in the presbytery is assumed.

To Apply

Please provide the information described below
and return this form
no later than **October 1**

to office@presbyteries.org

Applications will be reviewed by the presbytery Nominating Committee

GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPLICATION INFORMATION

NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ RACE/ETHNICITY _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE(S) Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

CHURCH

TEACHING ELDER _____ RULING ELDER _____ YOUNG ADULT _____

IF YOUNG ADULT: Please provide endorsement of your pastor and a member of session in attached letters or email to office@presbyteries.org

SPECIAL NEEDS? _____

YEARS PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED GENERAL ASSEMBLY: _____

(*individuals may only be elected to serve this presbytery once every ten years)

Please provide concise answers to these questions, attaching additional pages as needed.

List your service in and/or through your local church

List the Presbytery, Synod, General Assembly, ecumenical, and community activities in which you have participated.

Please provide a statement of the reasons for your interest in serving as a commissioner or young adult advisory delegate.

Please save your application and print a copy for your records before emailing the PDF to Emailaddress@email.com **This form must be received no later than October 1.**