

Dear Colleagues In Ministry,

I am writing to encourage you to consider serving as a Minister or Ruling Elder Commissioner for the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the PC(USA) to be held in St. Louis, MO, from June 16<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. This is a fantastic way to serve beyond the local church and to gain some perspective on what God is doing further and wider than the bounds of our Presbytery.

It is inspiring to be a part of historic decisions of the church, especially when we think that the Spirit has moved in the right direction; and even in those places where a commissioner might disagree with the actions of the Assembly, it is good to hear the reasoning from “the other side” in an effort to gain more understanding about where we may differ. For me, General Assembly was a wonderful reminder that the PC(USA) is more diverse than we are as a Presbytery, and it is evidence that God is moving in new and different ways all around the country and the world, which is inspiring and encouraging.

Each Commissioner is assigned to a committee where he or she serves for the first half of the week. All Commissioners and Advisory Delegates have voice and vote in the committee. Committees are randomly assigned and vary in responsibility as Assembly Business is delegated. Members of each Committee are expected to become familiar with the business before their committee prior to the assembly (available online). The Commissioners and Advisory Delegates then report to the Plenary Sessions during the second half of the week where the Assembly acts on the recommendations of each committee. Commissioners have voice and vote; Advisory Delegates have voice only and are polled for their opinion before the official vote is taken. More information about the responsibility and procedures of the Assembly can be found here: <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga/>.

The number of commissioners each Presbytery is able to send is determined by the membership rolls of the Presbytery. Beaver Butler is eligible to send one Minister Commissioner, one Elder Commissioner, and one Young Adult Advisory Delegate who must be between the ages of 17 and 24 on June 16, 2018. We will also be selecting alternates to serve in the event that one of the elected commissioners cannot participate.

If you are feeling called to apply, please express your interest and fill out the attached application by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. The Nomination Task Force will be reviewing applications at this time. We will contact interested parties for interviews as needed, or to inform Commissioners of their selection. I would be glad to answer any questions about my time at the Assembly in 2016, or about the application process. You may email me at [denaroy@ccupc.org](mailto:denaroy@ccupc.org), or call the church at 724-776-5310. I generally keep office hours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you or someone from your church to serve as Commissioner or Advisory Delegate to the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly.

Sincerely,

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