

## PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATING & ELECTING GA COMMISSIONERS & YAADS

### Eligibility:

In order to be eligible for nomination, a teaching elder must:

- have been a member of Beaver-Butler Presbytery for at least three years;
- have session endorsement, if the teaching elder is serving a congregation;
- have attended at least half of the Presbytery meetings for the previous three years prior to October 1 of the year before General Assembly meets; and
- be able to demonstrate active service in the Presbytery through its committees and/or units.

In order to be eligible for nomination, a ruling elder must:

- have been a member of a congregation within the bounds of Beaver-Butler Presbytery for at least three years;
- have the endorsement of his or her session;
- have attended at least two Presbytery meetings in the previous three years prior to October 1 of the year before General Assembly meets; and
- be a member of a church which has sent a ruling elder commissioner to at least half of the Presbytery meetings for the previous three years.

In order to be eligible for nomination as a Young Adult Advisory Delegate, a person must:

- have been a member of a congregation within the bounds of Beaver-Butler Presbytery for at least one year;
- be within the age range specified by the General Assembly for eligibility as a YAAD; and
- have the endorsement of his or her session.

Ruling and teaching elders may be elected as commissioners to two consecutive assemblies. A commissioner who has served at two consecutive assemblies shall be ineligible for election as a commissioner to the next General Assembly.

### Timeline and Procedure:

The nomination process for GA commissioners and YAADs will be the responsibility of a task force composed of three former commissioners (elder and minister), beginning with the most recent assembly and continuing until all four positions are filled (elder Commissioner, Minister Commissioner, Alternate Commissioner and YAAD [if possible]). The timeline will be as *follows in the year before a General Assembly meeting*:

- Task Force Selection - The Coordinating Team will identify the task force members and select the convener from its members by **March**.
- Search for Candidates - The task force will begin actively publicizing the opportunity for to apply for nomination no later than the **May** Presbytery meeting.
- Deadline for Candidates to express interest - Those seeking to be nominated are asked to express their interest to the task force by **August 31**.
- Deadline for Submission of Questionnaire - Candidates for nomination will complete and submit a questionnaire to the task force by **September 30**.
- Review & Interviews - The task force will convene in **October** to review the candidates' information and determine if interviews with the candidates are necessary. This determination will be made by, among other things, the number of candidates under consideration, familiarity of the candidates to the task force members, and clarity of the candidates' responses to the questionnaire. If the task force determines that interviews are necessary, these interviews will include all applicants.
- Presentation of Nominations - After prayerful consideration, the task force will present its nominations to the Presbytery at its **November** meeting, so that the elected commissioners and

YAAD may be reported to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly at least 180 days prior to the Assembly, as required by the Standing Rules of the General Assembly.

The General Assembly commissioner nominating task force will present one nomination for each commissioner position and one alternate position. These nominations will serve as the recommendations from the task force, based upon their diligent and prayerful consideration of the candidates. Any former commissioner serving on the task force who has applied to be nominated for the next consecutive G.A. shall recuse his/herself from his/her own consideration.

The report of the task force will be made available before the November Presbytery meeting and will include the names and questionnaire responses of the nominees, as well as the names of all those who were considered.

Nominations from the floor, including candidates considered but not recommended by the task force and others who were not part of the selection process, may be made with the consent of the nominee and on the condition that the nominee meets the eligibility requirements of this policy.

If there are more nominations than positions available, a secret paper ballot will be conducted. Nominees must receive a majority vote in order to be elected. Separate votes will be conducted for the ruling elder, teaching elder, and YAAD nominees.

**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER  
AND YAAD NOMINEE CANDIDATES**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Ruling Elder                      \_\_\_\_\_ Teaching Elder                      \_\_\_\_\_ YAAD

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How will service as a commissioner or YAAD relate to your understanding of Christian discipleship?

2. Describe your involvement and activities in Christian service beyond the local congregation.

3. What gifts and abilities do you have to offer if you are selected as a commissioner or YAAD?

4. What factors will guide you as you make decisions at General Assembly?

5. What do you believe are the most important issues facing the church today, and why?

6. Provide the name and phone number of your church's clerk of session, and the date when the session acted to endorse your candidacy (if applicable).