

Savannah Presbytery's Guidelines for Nominating Commissioners and Youth Advisory Delegates to the General Assembly

Please read the following guidelines for application to the Savannah Presbytery as a nominee for Minister or Elder Commissioner or Youth Advisory Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. Please see the attached forms for the dates and deadlines regarding the application. If you have any additional questions, you may contact the Chair of the Nominating Committee of Savannah Presbytery.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Minister Commissioners, Elder Commissioners, Youth Advisory Delegates, and Alternates are elected by the Savannah Presbytery at the Stated Meeting in October of the year preceding the General Assembly year (ex: commissioners to 2010 General Assembly are elected in October 2009)
2. Any individual, session or committee of Savannah Presbytery may endorse a nominee. This endorsement shall be made on the form provided by the Nominating Committee of Savannah Presbytery.
3. Each person endorsed shall complete the *Savannah Presbytery Application for Commissioners to General Assembly Candidates* and return it to the Nominating Committee by the deadline shown on the *Application*.

Guidelines for Minister Commissioners

1. In addition to the endorsements and submitted information, the following factors shall be taken into consideration by the Nominating Committee:
 - a. Has the minister been a member of Savannah Presbytery for at least 24 months?
 - b. Does the minister live within the geographical bounds of Savannah Presbytery and has an active relationship been sustained with the presbytery over the past year?
 - c. Has the minister served as a commissioner to General Assembly within the past seven years?
 - d. Has the minister attended a majority of the stated meetings of Savannah Presbytery over the previous two years?
 - e. Is the minister actively serving on a committee of Savannah Presbytery?
2. The Nominating Committee will nominate three ministers for each commissioner position available to Savannah Presbytery. The committee shall nominate clergy from among those eligible to serve and is not limited to the names of candidates endorsed.

Guidelines for Elder Commissioners

1. In addition to the endorsements and submitted information, the following factors shall be taken into consideration by the Nominating Committee:
 - a. Does the elder serve on a committee of Savannah Presbytery?
 - b. Has the elder been active in the life of his or her church?
 - c. Has the church where the elder serves had an elder commissioner to General Assembly within the past seven years?
 - d. Has the elder attended a stated meeting of Savannah Presbytery in the previous two years?
2. The Nominating Committee will nominate three elders for each commissioner position available to Savannah Presbytery. The committee shall nominate elders from among all eligible to serve and is not limited to the names of candidates endorsed.

Guideline for Youth Advisory Delegate (YAD)

1. The potential YAD must be between the ages of 17 to 23 years and a member of a church within the bounds of the Savannah Presbytery
2. The Session of your congregation must endorse this nomination in writing
3. The potential YAD should be
 - a. spiritually well grounded
 - b. active in their local congregation and presbytery or campus youth ministry
 - c. able to deal well with potential conflict
 - d. able to function well with adults
 - e. able to handle long hours of work at the Assembly as well as a great deal of reading in preparation for the event
 - f. able to attend all of the General Assembly
 - g. mature, since the demands of the General Assembly require responsible decision-making
4. The potential YAD should verify the dates when they may be available for orientation.
5. The potential YAD should have medical insurance. Insurance bought through school systems often ends at the end of the school year.
6. The potential YAD and their parents should be informed that the Presbytery staff person in attendance at GA will be called upon to deal with emergencies
7. Reference checks will be made with the pastor or other local congregation leader of the potential YAD

For more information on Savannah Presbytery's nominating process, please contact the Presbytery Office at 912-264-1997 or home@savannahpresbytery.org.

For more information on the upcoming 219th General Assembly, please visit www.pcusa.org/generalassembly or call Presbytel at 800-872-3283.

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Savannah Presbytery Application for Commissioners to General Assembly

219th General Assembly
July 3-10, 2010 in Minneapolis, MN
Hosted by the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

This is a two part application. Part One must be filled out by the endorser of the potential nominee. Part Two must be filled out by the potential nominee. This application must be filled out completely and returned to the Savannah Presbytery, ATTN: Nominating Committee, 3590 Darien Highway, Suite 8, Brunswick, GA 31525.

DEADLINE FOR RETURNING THIS APPLICATION: SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

PART TWO: NOMINEE APPLICATION

THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE NOMINEE

Name: _____

Church: _____

Position Applying For: Minister Commissioner Elder Commissioner Youth Advisory Delegate

Contact Information:

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Explain your current or previous involvement in:

A. The Local Church

B. The Presbytery

C. The Synod

D. The General Assembly

What are the five most important issues faced by the church today? (Please use additional paper if necessary)

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