

Savannah Presbytery's Guidelines for Nominating Commissioners and Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the 225th General Assembly

June 18, June 20-July 2, July 5-9 2022 – Hybrid and Louisville, KY

Please read the following guidelines for application to the Savannah Presbytery as a nominee for Teaching Elder or Ruling Elder Commissioner or Young Adult 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 Savannah Presbytery.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Teaching Elder Commissioners, Ruling Elder Commissioners, Young Adult 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 2022 General Assembly are elected in October 2021)
2. Any individual, session or committee of Savannah Presbytery may endorse a nominee. This endorsement shall be made on the form provided by the Savannah Presbytery.
3. Each person endorsed shall complete the *Savannah Presbytery Application for Commissioners to General Assembly Candidates* and return it to the presbytery by the deadline shown on the *Application*.

Guidelines for Teaching Elder Commissioners

1. In addition to the endorsements and submitted information, the following factors shall be taken into consideration:
 - a. Has the Teaching Elder been a member of Savannah Presbytery for at least 24 months?
 - b. Does the Teaching Elder 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 Teaching Elder served as a commissioner to General Assembly within the past seven years?
 - d. Has the Teaching Elder attended a majority of the stated meetings of Savannah Presbytery over the previous two years?
 - e. Is the Teaching Elder actively serving on a committee of Savannah Presbytery?
2. The Nominating Committee will nominate three Teaching Elders 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 Ruling 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 Ruling Elder serve on a committee of Savannah Presbytery?
 - b. Has the Ruling Elder been active in the life of his or her church?
 - c. Has the church where the Ruling Elder serves had a Ruling Elder commissioner to General Assembly within the past seven years?
 - d. Has the Ruling Elder attended a stated meeting of Savannah Presbytery in the previous two years?
2. The Nominating Committee will nominate three Ruling 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 Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD)

1. The potential YAAD 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 YAAD 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 YAAD should verify the dates when they may be available for orientation.
5. The potential YAAD should have medical insurance. Insurance bought through school systems often ends at the end of the school year.
6. The potential YAAD 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 YAAD

For more information on Savannah Presbytery's nominating process, please contact the Presbytery Office at 1-800-616-3671, Ext. 702, or statedclerk@savannahpresbytery.org.

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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, 3590 Darien Highway, Suite 8, Brunswick, GA 31525. Both parts of the applications must be received for it to be complete.

DEADLINE FOR RETURNING THIS APPLICATION: September 27, 2021

PART ONE: ENDORSEMENT

THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE ENDORSING INDIVIDUAL, SESSION, OR COMMITTEE

Name of Nominee: _____

Position Nominated: Teaching Elder Commissioner Ruling Elder Commissioner
 Young Adult Advisory Delegate

Name of Endorser: _____

If the Endorser is a Committee or Session, please provide the name of an individual who will be the contact person for the Committee or Session: _____

Contact Information of Endorser or Contact Person:

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Reason for endorsement (please use the back of this form if necessary):

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PART TWO: NOMINEE APPLICATION

THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE NOMINEE

Name: _____

Church: _____

Position Applying For: Teaching Elder Commissioner Ruling Elder Commissioner
 Young Adult Advisory Delegate

Date of Birth _____

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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