



APPLICATION TO SERVE AS A COMMISSIONER OR YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY DELEGATE (YAAD) TO THE 224th GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2020)



To: Pastors, Clerks and Members of Churches in the Presbytery of St. Augustine

Please make this application form widely available within our congregations!

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 173 presbyteries. The Presbytery of St. Augustine will send two teaching elder commissioners, two ruling elder commissioners, 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 and the presbytery pay or reimburse nearly all of the expenses of GA service.

The 224th General Assembly will be held in Baltimore, MD, from June 20-27, 2020.

At its Fall 2019 Stated Meeting, the Presbytery of St. Augustine will elect several commissioner / alternate(s) and one young adult advisory delegate and an alternate. All teaching elders, ruling elders, and young adults (at least 17 but not more than 23 years old at the time of GA) may apply to serve.

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.

The nominating criteria for commissioners and our 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 willingness to continue service in the presbytery.

To apply, please provide the information described below and return this form no later than **August 1, 2019** to the Nominating and Representation Committee via the Stated Clerk, Rev. Alexandra (Sandra) Hedrick (sandra@staugpres.org).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPLICATION INFORMATION

NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ RACE/ETHNICITY _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE(S) Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

CHURCH _____

TEACHING ELDER (MINISTER) _____ RULING ELDER _____ YOUNG ADULT _____

IF YOUNG ADULT: (Please provide endorsement of your pastor and a member of session.)

CURRENT SCHOOL/GRADE (if applicable): _____

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 sandra@staugpres.org.