

Presbytery of Charlotte
Procedures for Nominating Commissioners to the 226th General Assembly
June 25 - July 4, 2024
Salt Lake City, UT

When nominating commissioners to the General Assembly, the Presbytery of Charlotte Committee on Representation shall adhere to the guidelines expressed in the Book of Order (see G-3.0501). Effort will be made by the Committee on Representation to present to the Presbytery a slate of General Assembly Commissioners that will be as balanced as possible by geography, race, gender, age, theological perspective, and church size. When making difficult choices between applicants, the following factors may be considered: participation in and knowledge of the governing bodies of the PC(USA), length of time since a minister, elder, or congregation was last represented as a GA Commissioner, and passion for service as a GA Commissioner.

For the 226th General Assembly in 2024, The Presbytery of Charlotte will be allotted 4 Minister Commissioners and 4 Elder Commissioners, based on the membership from the 2022 Annual Statistical Report. The goal of the Committee on Representation will be to select 2 Commissioners (1 Minister and 1 Elder) from each of the four (4) COM Clusters of the Presbytery. Commissioners will be selected in ways that seek to balance the Presbytery's delegation with respect to geography, race, gender, age, theological perspective, and church size.

Selection will be based on an application process. COM Clusters are encouraged to recruit elders or ministers from their Cluster to submit applications for being a General Assembly Commissioner. Applications should come directly to the Presbytery's Committee on Representation. If the Committee on Representation deems that the applications received are insufficient to constitute a representative slate, they may contact potential candidates and invite them to submit an application. The Committee on Representation reserves the right to seek out potential Commissioners to attain a delegation.

Applications will be received through **September 1st** in the year prior to the General Assembly. Election will occur at a stated meeting of the Presbytery of Charlotte that falls prior to the 120-day deadline established by the Office of the General Assembly. **For the 226th General Assembly, the election will take place at the 158th Stated Meeting on October 24, 2023.**



PROCEDURES FOR NOMINATING YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY DELEGATES (Y.A.A.Ds) TO THE 226th GENERAL ASSEMBLY



The Office of the General Assembly affirms the value of the participation of young adult advisory delegates in the General Assembly. That participation is enhanced when care has been given to their selection and to their orientation to the General Assembly.

Young adult advisory delegates are not attending a youth conference. YAADs are full participants in the General Assembly meeting, with responsibility for becoming familiar with the business coming before it and taking part in the deliberations. They are seated with the presbytery commissioners in the plenary sessions, and are assigned to assembly committees. YAADs have voice in plenary sessions, and both voice AND vote in their committee.

The Stated Clerk assigns assembly assistants to serve as YAAD advisors; they provide guidance for the YAADs, but there is limited adult supervision. YAADs are housed in one of the assembly hotels, and generally share a room with another YAAD. YAADs should be self-motivated and responsible.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- In accordance with Standing Rule B.2.d.(1), the young adult advisory delegate “shall be between the ages of eighteen and twenty-three years on the date the General Assembly convenes.”
- The potential young adult advisory delegate should be active in their local congregation and presbytery or campus ministry.
- The young adult advisory delegate should be mature; the demands of the assembly require responsible decision-making, as well as being away from home for a week and managing their time and work with limited adult assistance.
- Reference checks should be made with their pastor, campus minister or chaplain, or other local congregational leaders.
- The potential young adult advisory delegate should be able to attend the full General Assembly meeting.