**NOMINATION PROCEDURE FOR**

**COMMISSIONERS AND ALTERNATES TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**AND YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY DELEGATES**

 Teaching elder and ruling elder commissioners and alternates to meetings of the General Assembly (GA) shall be nominated to achieve the goal of full participation as outlined in paragraph F-1.0403 of the Book of Order.

The Stated Clerk shall maintain lists of teaching elders who have served as GA commissioners and congregations whose ruling elders have served as GA commissioners.

The Committee on Nominations and Representation shall nominate two (2) teaching elders and two (2) ruling elders as principal commissioners, and two (2) teaching elders and two (2) ruling elders as alternate commissioners through the application process. The Committee shall also nominate one Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) and one alternate. When making its nominations, it shall seek to identify those who will best serve the needs of the GA and the Presbytery of Tampa Bay, taking into consideration the applications received and eligibility. The Committee will give priority to ruling elders from churches that have not provided a ruling elder commissioner to any of the previous five General Assemblies and to teaching elders who have not been a commissioner to any of the previous five General Assemblies. It will give consideration to congregation size and representation from the several Regions of the Presbytery. The Committee will also seek to nominate for balanced representation of ages, gender, racial/ethnic and theological understanding. When presenting its nominees to the Presbytery, the Committee shall provide brief biographical information of those being nominated in addition to the application form submitted by the commissioner nominee.

**ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE**

**Teaching Elders**

All teaching elders on the active, honorably retired, validated ministry, and member-at-large rosters of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay are eligible for nomination. Requirements include:

1. Enrolled in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay for at least three years prior to GA meeting.
2. Attended at least four of the Presbytery or Regional Presbytery stated meetings during the two calendar years prior to the meeting of an election year (currently even numbered years of GA).
3. Must be a member of the Presbytery at time of GA, and not actively engaged in a search that might lead to a departure from the Presbytery within 1 year after serving as a GA commissioner.

**Ruling Elders**

To be eligible, the session of the congregation from which a ruling elder is nominated ordinarily shall have sent commissioners to at least four of the Presbytery or Regional Presbytery stated meetings during the two calendar years prior to the meeting of an election year (currently even numbered years of GA). Additionally:

1. Shall be recommended by her/his session.
2. Not moving from the Presbytery at time of GA.

**Young Adult Advisory Delegate**

The nominees shall be active members of one of the churches of our Presbytery between the ages of 17 and 23 on the date the GA convenes. The nominee shall be recommended by the Session of her/his church and invited by the session to submit an application to the Committee on Nominations and Representation.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applications shall be available on the website of the Presbytery. Applications may be submitted at any time, but the *deadline for submission is September 19, 2019* for the 224th General Assembly to be held in Baltimore, Md, from June 20-27, 2020. The Presbytery of Tampa Bay is scheduled to elect GA Commissioners at its Stated Meeting November 7, 2019.

The application includes the following information:

1. An agreement that the applicant is willing and able to report back to the Presbytery concerning the actions and experience of the GA. It is expected that all commissioners to the GA will report to the Presbytery through a variety of means during and following the GA.
2. A statement that the applicant understands and is willing to accept the rigors of participating fully in the work of the GA. Commissioners are required to read over 1,000 pages of online reports and overtures in advance. Long hours in committee meetings and plenary sessions, and considerable travel between the hotel and committee meeting rooms, plenary site, exhibit/eating areas and worship sites is to be expected.
3. Information as to whether the applicant has previously attended the GA as an elected commissioner from any Presbytery, or as a visitor.
4. A statement of the applicant’s experience within the local church.
5. A description of the applicant’s activities and service within the structures of the Presbytery and other Presbyterian Church (USA) governing bodies.
6. A brief paragraph describing the applicant’s understanding of the nature and work of the GA.
7. A single page (500 word max.) with biographical information and a response to the statement, “Why I would make a good commissioner to GA.”
8. A one page endorsement (500 word max.) from a teaching or ruling elder attesting to the applicant’s involvement in the church as outlined in the application.
9. A statement as to the applicant’s willingness to attend the GA as an alternate.
10. A recommendation from the session of the applicant’s church, signed by the Clerk of Session.

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NOMINATION AS A COMMISSIONER TO THE 224th GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN BALTIMORE, MD FROM JUNE 20-27, 2020:

1. Download an application from www.presbyteryoftampabay.com
2. Complete the application and biographical statement
3. Obtain an endorsement from a teaching or ruling elder
4. Have the Clerk of Session of your church sign the application
5. Return a completed application and all attachments by September 19, 2019
6. Retain a copy of your completed application and send the original to:

Scan and send by email to:
PTB.GAApp@gmail.com

 OR mail to:

Presbytery of Tampa Bay
Attn: Chair Committee on Nominations and Representation

455 Scotland St #1,
Dunedin, FL 34698

***All GA commissioner Nominees’ responses and biographical statements will be made available by the Presbytery to all presbyters at the November 7, 2019 stated meeting.***

**PRESBYTERY OF TAMPA BAY**

**APPLICATION FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER NOMINATION AND YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY DELEGATE**

***It is important that you also read the NOMINATION PROCEDURE FOR COMMISSIONERS AND ALTERNATES TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY DELEGATES.***

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Ruling Elder, Teaching Elder or Young Adult:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Ordination:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Teaching Elders – Date entered this Presbytery: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ruling Elders and Young Adult – Date you became a member of your church: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if and when you have served previously as an elected Commissioner to General Assembly: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if and when you have been a visitor to General Assembly: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please be advised that participation in the General Assembly requires reading over 1,000 pages of online reports and overtures in advance, long hours in committee meetings and plenary sessions, and considerable travel between the hotel and committee meeting rooms, plenary site, exhibit/eating areas and worship sites.

***Please respond either below or on attachments as necessary.***

Local Church Experience:

Service to the Presbyterian Church (USA): (Presbytery, Synod, GA, PCUSA entities):

What is your understanding of the nature and work of the General Assembly?

Are you willing and able to report back to the Presbytery concerning the actions and experiences of the GA and to serve on the Bills and Overtures Committee for the Presbytery of Tampa Bay for 2 years?

Please attach a brief biographical statement and a response to this statement: “Why I would make a good commissioner to the General Assembly.” *(statement and response to be a maximum of 500 words)*

Please attach a statement of endorsement from a Teaching or Ruling Elder that attests to your: *(endorsement to be a maximum of 500 words)*

* love for Christ and the Gospel, spiritual maturity
* involvement in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay
* commitment to the Presbyterian Church (USA)
* involvement in the local congregation

By submitting this form, I am expressing my willingness and ability to be available to represent the Presbytery of Tampa Bay at the 224rd General Assembly, Baltimore, Md, from June 20-27, 2020. If elected as an alternate, I will plan to keep myself available for these dates in case I am needed.

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Applicant’s Signature

**Session approval is needed**.

This commissioner nominee has received endorsement of the Session of

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Clerk of Session

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Date of Session Approval

**The deadline for submitting the completed application is September 19, 2019**

**Please send the application and all other required information to:**

**Presbytery of Tampa Bay
Attn: Chair Committee on Nominations and Representation**

**455 Scotland St #1
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**OR, via email to:**

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