

Homestead Presbytery

Process for Nominating and Electing General Assembly (GA) Commissioners and Young Adult Advisory Delegates (YAADs)

PREAMBLE

Homestead Presbytery of is fully committed to our participation in the meetings of the GA. Every effort will be made to ensure that Homestead Presbytery is reflective of the diversity within our bounds in compliance with F-1.0403 and G-3.0501 as we seek to prayerfully elect Commissioners who will serve with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

PRINCIPLES

1. Those interested in applying as Commissioner for GA should fill out an application.
2. Applications shall be widely available, including accessibility from the Presbytery website, through Running Notes and The Homesteader at least once, through social media, and shall be sent electronically to each pastor and clerk of Session. The Presbytery office may also electronically send the application form upon request. Acknowledgment of receipt will occur in 24 hours; applicants will contact the Presbytery Office if no notice is given of submission.
3. Only those Teaching and Ruling Elders who are active in the life of Homestead Presbytery and its member churches as defined below shall be nominated.
4. Applications for GA Commissioners shall be reviewed by the Nominating Committee. Nominees for Commissioner shall be presented for consideration at the November meeting for the Presbytery that occurs in the year immediately preceding the GA meeting. Nominees for Alternate Commissioners will be presented from the Commissioner applications.
5. All GA Commissioners are expected to be fully engaged in learning how the GA process works, reading advance materials, and actively participating in your assigned committee and all plenary sessions.
6. Commissioners shall interpret and communicate the actions of the GA back to the Presbytery at a regularly stated meeting of the Presbytery and be available for interpretation to individual congregations.
7. Alternates for Teaching Elder and Ruling Elder Commissioners will not be guaranteed to be the primary commissioner to the next GA, but will be eligible to re-apply to be considered in the next nominating process.
8. These requirements may be waived, upon recommendation of Nominating Committee, by a majority vote of the Presbytery.
9. Only one commissioner may be nominated from any one congregation

COST

The General Assembly pays for all costs of travel, room & board to attend. Commissioners & YAAD's may wish to buy books, souvenirs, booze, midnight snacks, or see a movie, etc. Such personal costs are up to the individual.

TEACHING ELDER COMMISSIONER

1. Teaching Elders seeking to serve as a Commissioner from Homestead Presbytery to GA shall submit an application to the Nominating Committee. The application shall indicate:
 - a. The length of time the applicant has been a member of Homestead Presbytery.
 - b. The date of his or her ordination or acceptance into Presbyterian Church (USA).
 - c. The length of time since he or she served as a GA Commissioner for any presbytery.
2. Application for Teaching Elder Commissioner to GA can be made provided that the following criteria are met:
 - a. The applicant is a member in good standing of Homestead Presbytery.
 - b. The applicant has been a member of Homestead Presbytery for a minimum of one (1) year at the date of application.
 - c. The congregation at which the applicant serves has not sent a Teaching Elder Commissioner to GA in the two (2) previous meetings. If there is an insufficient quantity of applicants as of June 30th of the year prior to GA, the Nominating Committee may consider applicants from any congregation in the Presbytery.
 - d. The applicant has not been a Teaching Elder Commissioner to GA from either Homestead Presbytery or another presbytery in the two (2) previous meetings of the GA.
 - e. The applicant can demonstrate active membership in the Presbytery, preferably including attendance at six (6) of the last eight (8) stated meetings of the Presbytery that occurred before June 30th of the year prior to the next GA.
 - f. The applicant has been endorsed either by the session she/he moderates, or any session if the Teaching Elder member does not moderate a session, or by any standing committee of the Presbytery.
 - g. The applicant completes the application provided by the Nominating Committee and submits the application by June 30th of the year prior to the GA.
3. The Nominating Committee shall consider the information provided on the Applications and select two (2) Teaching Elders to be designated nominees for Commissioner and two (2) Teaching Elders to be designated nominees for Alternate Commissioner. At least one of the Teaching Elders nominated for Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner shall be serving in an installed pastoral position.
4. The individuals who submitted applications shall be notified of the recommendation of the Nominating Committee by September 30th of the year prior to the GA.
5. At the November stated meeting of the Presbytery, which occurs in the year immediately preceding the GA meeting, the Nominating Committee shall submit the nominations for Teaching Elder Commissioners and Alternates for election.

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONER

1. Ruling Elders seeking to serve as a Commissioner from Homestead Presbytery to GA shall submit an application to the Nominating Committee. The application shall indicate:
 - a. The length of time the applicant has been a member of their Presbyterian Church (USA) congregation.
 - b. The date of his or her ordination as a Ruling Elder.
 - c. The length of time since he or she served as a GA Commissioner for any presbytery.
2. Application for Ruling Elder Commissioner to GA can be made provided that the following criteria are met:
 - a. The applicant has been an active member of a congregation in Homestead Presbytery for a minimum of one (1) year at the date of application.
 - b. The congregation to which the applicant belongs has not sent a Ruling Elder Commissioner to GA in the two (2) previous meetings. If there is an insufficient quantity of applicants as of June 30th of the year prior to GA, the Nominating Committee may consider applicants from any congregation in the Presbytery.
 - c. The applicant can demonstrate active participation in the Presbytery, preferably including official attendance at two (2) of the last eight (8) stated meetings of the Presbytery that occurred before June 30th of the year prior to the next GA.
 - d. The church where they are an active member preferably must have been represented by at least one (1) Ruling Elder Commissioner at six (6) of the last (8) stated meetings of the Presbytery that occurred before June 30th of the year prior to the next GA.
 - e. The applicant has been endorsed by her/his session.
 - f. The applicant completes the application provided by the Nominating Committee and submits the application by June 30th of the year prior to the GA.
3. The Nominating Committee shall consider the information provided on the Applications and select two (2) Ruling Elders to be designated nominees for Commissioner and two (2) Ruling Elders to be designated nominees for Alternate Commissioner.
4. The individuals who submitted applications shall be notified of the recommendation of the Nominating Committee by September 30th of the year prior to the GA.
5. At the November stated meeting of the Presbytery, which occurs in the year immediately preceding the GA meeting, the Nominating Committee shall submit the nominations for Ruling Elder Commissioners and Alternates for election.

YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY DELEGATES

1. Young Adults (between the ages of 17 and 23 on the day GA convenes) seeking to serve as a Young Adult Advisory Delegate from Homestead Presbytery to GA shall submit an application to the Nominating Committee. The application shall indicate:
 - a. The length of time the applicant has been a member of their Presbyterian Church (USA) congregation.
 - b. The length of time since he or she served as a YAAD for any presbytery.
2. Application for YAADs to GA can be made provided that the following criteria are met:
 - a. The applicant has been an active member of a congregation in Homestead Presbytery for a minimum of one (1) year at the date of application.
 - b. The congregation to which the applicant belongs has not sent a YAAD to GA in the two (2) previous meetings. If there an insufficient quantity of applicants as of June 30th of the year prior to GA, the Nominating Committee may consider applicants from any congregation in the Presbytery.
 - c. The applicant has been endorsed by her/his session.
 - d. The applicant completes the application provided by the Nominating Committee and submits the application by June 30th of the year prior to the GA.

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2018 General Assembly (GA) Commissioner Application

Teaching Elder

Return by June 30, 2017 to: Homestead Presbytery Nominating Committee
8300 East Pointe Road, Lincoln, NE 68506
Email: hpoffice@homesteadpres.org

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone _____

Email _____

Current Position _____

The date you became a member of the Homestead Presbytery
(Minimum of 1 year at date of application) _____

The date of your ordination or acceptance into the P.C. (U.S.A.) _____

The year that you previously served as a GA Commissioner for any
any presbytery *(Minimum of 4 years)* _____

Please answer using a separate attached sheet:

1. Tell us about yourself.
2. What excites you and/or concerns you about the church today?
3. What issues are important in the church today?
4. What gifts/abilities will you bring to your role as Commissioner to the GA?

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

ENDORSEMENT by Session or Standing Committee of Presbytery

Entity providing the endorsement: _____

Date: _____ Attested by _____

(Signature and Title)

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Ruling Elder

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8300 East Pointe Road, Lincoln, NE 68506
Email: hpoffice@homesteadpres.org

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Primary Phone _____ Secondary Phone _____

Email _____

Congregation _____

The date you became a member of a P.C. (U.S.A.) congregation _____
(Minimum of 1 year at date of application)

The date of your ordination as a Ruling Elder _____

The year a Ruling Elder from your congregation previously served as a
GA Commissioner (Minimum 4 years) _____

Please answer using a separate attached sheet:

1. Tell us about yourself.
2. What excites you and/or concerns you about the church today?
3. What issues are important in the church today?
4. What gifts/abilities will you bring to your role as Commissioner to the GA?

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

ENDORSEMENT by Session

Date _____ Attested by _____
(Signature and Title)

2018 General Assembly (GA) YAAD Application

Young Adult Advisory Delegate

Return by June 30, 2017 to: Homestead Presbytery Nominating Committee
8300 East Pointe Road, Lincoln, NE 68506
Email: hpooffice@homesteadpres.org

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Primary Phone _____ Secondary Phone _____

Email _____

Congregation _____

The date you became a member of a P.C. (U.S.A.) congregation _____
(Minimum of 1 year at date of application)

The year a member from your congregation previously served as a
GA YAAD _____
(Minimum 4 years)

Please answer using a separate attached sheet:

1. Tell us about yourself.
2. What excites you and/or concerns you about the church today?
3. What issues are important in the church today?
4. What gifts/abilities will you bring to your role as a YAAD to the GA?

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

ENDORSEMENT by Session

Date _____ Attested by _____
(Signature and Title)