

Nominating Committee

- A. **Mission Statement.** The Nominating Committee will nominate to the presbytery the names of capable people who are willing to serve in leadership positions in the presbytery and who are within the membership of the Presbytery of Carlisle.
- B. **Membership.** The committee shall consist of six people; two ministers, two female elders and two male elders; who are knowledgeable of active church members and ministers in the presbytery and the fields of their special interests and abilities; are willing to ask people to serve; and understand presbytery's "style" as outlined in the guiding principles.
- C. **Tasks.** The Nominating Committee shall:
1. Conform to the relevant provisions of the *Book of Order*, G-2.0104, G-3.0103 and G-3.0111. Submit nominations for vacancies occurring as the result of terms expiring and for those vacancies which occur other than by the expiration of a term.
 2. Be responsible for making nominations for the following: moderator and vice-moderator, the chair and other members of the committees of the presbytery except the Nominating Committee per the *Book of Order* G-9.0801b, members of the Permanent Judicial Commission, additional at-large members of the Coordinating Council, stated clerk, treasurer, representative on the Board of Presbyterian Homes, Inc., youth advisory delegate and commissioners to General Assembly, youth advisory delegate and commissioners to synod. Work as directed by the Coordinating Council to recruit people to serve on action teams and ministry initiative teams.
 3. In submitting nominations for commissioners to the Synod, the Nominating Committee shall strive for appropriate representation among the commissioners in the same way it would when securing members for presbytery committees, noting criteria such as gender, age, race, ethnicity, ministry setting, and current or previous service to the synod. Commissioners shall be elected in conformance with the current the requirements of the Synod of the Trinity.
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PROCESS FOR NOMINATING AND ELECTING TEACHING AND RULING ELDERS AS GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA) COMMISSIONERS

1. The presbytery shall elect commissioners in sufficient time to permit the list of commissioners to be delivered to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly 180 days (or as directed) prior to the convening of the session of the General Assembly to which they are commissioned. Applications shall be reviewed by the Nominating Committee and nominees for Commissioners and Alternates, shall be presented for

consideration at a meeting of the Presbytery that occurs prior to the date set by GA for receiving commissioners.

2. Only Teaching and Ruling Elders who are active in the life of the Presbytery of Carlisle and its member churches shall be nominated.
3. All applicants shall agree to be fully engaged in preparation, including learning how the GA process works, attending orientation sessions, becoming familiar with the technology to be used, and reading advance materials, in order to be able to actively participate in all assembly responsibilities.
4. Those elected as commissioners shall agree to interpret and communicate the actions of the GA back to the Presbytery, ordinarily at a stated meeting of the Presbytery, and be available for interpretation to individual congregations.
5. 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.
6. Application forms from Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders may be submitted by self-referral, by identification of a Session, by recommendation of a presbytery entity, or by solicitation of the Nominating Committee.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND CRITERIA FOR TEACHING ELDERS

1. Teaching Elders seeking to be considered shall submit an application to the Nominating Committee, according to the deadline established by the Nominating Committee. The application shall include:
 - a. Date the applicant was received as a member of the Presbytery of Carlisle.
 - b. Date of his or her ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament of the PCUSA
 - c. Date(s) of previous attendance at a General Assembly, and in what capacity, whether for Carlisle Presbytery or any presbytery.
2. Applications for Teaching Elder Commissioners shall also meet the following criteria:
 - a. The applicant is member in good standing of the Presbytery of Carlisle. In the application, applicants will describe their active membership in the presbytery.

- b. The applicant is endorsed either by the session she/he moderates, or any session within the presbytery if the Teaching Elder member does not moderate a session, or by any standing committee of the Presbytery.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND CRITERIA FOR RULING ELDERS

1. Ruling Elders seeking to serve as a Commissioner from the Presbytery of Carlisle to GA shall submit an application to the Nominating Committee, according to the deadline established by the Nominating Committee. The application shall indicate:
 - a. Date the applicant was received into membership of a PCUSA congregation.
 - b. Date of his or her ordination as a Ruling Elder.
 - c. Date(s) of previous GA meetings attended and the capacity in which the applicant attended, whether for Carlisle Presbytery or any presbytery.
2. Applications for Ruling Elder Commissioners shall address the following criteria:
 - a. The applicant shall be an active member of a congregation in the Presbytery of Carlisle and endorsed by the Session. In the application, applicants shall describe their active membership in the congregation.
 - b. In the application, applicants will describe their participation in the presbytery, including attendance at presbytery meetings.

GUIDELINES FOR THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. The Nominating Committee shall consider the information provided on the Applications and select the appropriate number of Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders to be elected as Commissioners and Alternates by the presbytery. Per G-3.0501
2. All individuals who submitted applications shall be notified of the recommendation of the Nominating Committee prior to its report to the presbytery.
3. The Nominating Committee shall strive for appropriate representation among the commissioners in the same way it would when securing members for presbytery committees, noting criteria such as gender, age, race, ethnicity and ministry setting.