



Dear Friends,

I am writing to ask for your help identifying young adults between the ages of 18 and 23 who may wish to be elected as a Youth Advisory Delegate to the 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). **Please forward this message** to those young adults known to you, whose engagement in the life of the church makes them likely candidates for this significant role.

What is a YAAD?

Young adults between the ages of 18 and 23, elected by their presbytery, serve as Young Adult Advisory Delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The basic role and function of a YAAD is to make the General Assembly aware of issues and ideas they might not otherwise come to know. YAADs attend the meeting in an advisory role so that the voices and viewpoints of younger generations may be heard.

YAADs advise commissioners in a variety of ways throughout the assembly:

- They speak in assembly meetings in order to present views that are not usually represented by the commissioners.
- They do not present motions or vote, but are polled before the commissioners vote on most items of business.
- They have both voice and vote in the work of assembly committees.

NOTE: To serve as a YAAD at this General Assembly, you must be at least 18 years old on June 17 and cannot turn 24 on or before this date.

What is a General Assembly?

Presbyterians believe that we discern the mind of Christ best, in community. So, the General Assembly convenes every two years, bringing together Presbyterians from across the nation and around the world to contemplate, converse, and comment on topics central to the life and witness of the PCUSA! It is an experience steeped in worship, prayer, and fellowship, and everyone who participates has a better experience when the assembly includes people from a variety of backgrounds and experiences. Participating in the General Assembly as a commissioner or advisory delegate is, for most, a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

How Does It Work?

The 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) will convene over a three-week period, from **Friday, June 17-Saturday, July 9, 2022**.

Building on the all on-line General Assembly of 2020, the format of the assembly in 2022 will be hybrid. Commissioners will attend in-person committee meetings, held at the Presbyterian Center in Louisville, on a rotating schedule. The worship and plenary sessions of the General Assembly will take place entirely on-line, (July 5-9) with commissioners and advisory delegates attending from home.

Those elected by their presbyteries to serve as commissioners and advisory delegates are asked to place a tentative hold on their calendars from June 17-July 9, 2022, until committee assignments are made (by late February 2022). Once assignments are made, participants may clear any days their assigned committee will not be meeting. Everyone is expected to attend the worship and plenary sessions scheduled during the week of July 5-9. See the full docket [here](#).

Not your Grandparents' General Assembly!

Although General Assemblies date all the way back to 1789, this hybrid assembly is a first. Advisory delegates will play an important role, as our denomination strives to live into what it means to be the church in the 21st century. The Spirit-filled creativity, imagination, and openness of YAADs will help our denomination become more fully inclusive, flexible and faithful. If elected, you'll receive training in how the GA works, including the technology to be used and the topics to be considered.

How Do I Apply?

Carlisle Presbytery gets to elect one Young Adult Advisory Delegate. Nominees are identified through an application process. Click [here](#) for an application form. Those who wish to be considered must submit their application to the Nominating Committee by October 15, 2021. Applications may be emailed to office@carlislepby.org or mailed to 2601 N. Front St., Suite 107, Harrisburg PA 17110. Please note that the application must be endorsed by the Session of your church.

To learn more about the application process or if you have questions about the plans for the forthcoming General Assembly, please contact Cheryl Galan, Interim Executive Presbyter or Donna Wenger, chair of the Nominating Committee. Our emails are listed below. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

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Application for Young Adult Advisory Delegates to the General Assembly

Young Adult Advisory Delegates are active members of a congregation of the Presbyterian Church, USA between the ages of 18 and 23. (You must be at least 18 years old on June 17 and cannot turn 24 on or before this date)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Congregation: _____ Racial/Ethnic Category: _____

Date you became a member of a PCUSA congregation _____

Please answer using a separate attached sheet:

1. Please describe your current and/or previous participation in the life of your Church.
2. Tell us about yourself and why you would like to serve as a Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the General Assembly.
3. What issues are important in the church today? Please share something about your hopes and dreams for the Church's future.
4. What gifts/abilities do you hope to bring to the role of Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the General Assembly?

ENDORSEMENT by Session

Date: _____ Endorsed by: _____

(Name and Title)

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Please return by email to office@carlislepby.org or by mail to the presbytery address above.

