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GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER APPLICATION

The John Knox Presbytery is seeking one teaching elder to serve as a commissioner to the 2022 General Assembly. All expenses related to serving as commissioner are paid.

The 225th General Assembly (2022) will be a hybrid meeting. Committee sessions will be in Louisville, KY, and Plenary sessions will be online. If elected, responsibilities include:

- Attend the General Assembly
- Attend the presbytery's service of commissioning at the May 2022 Presbytery Meeting
- Attend an orientation (date to be determined)
- Provide a verbal and one-page written report about the proceedings of the Assembly at the August 2022 Presbytery meeting
- Serve on a task force which makes recommendations to the presbytery regarding the actions taken by the General Assembly. That report will be on November 2022
- As availability permits, interpret the actions of the Assembly to the congregations of the Presbytery as invited

Commissioners are reimbursed for expenses by either the General Assembly or John Knox Presbytery.

Alternate commissioners need to be prepared and available to attend the General Assembly in case a commissioner is unable to fulfill the duties.

The Presbytery's Nominating Committee will review all applications and present recommendations at the November 2021 Presbytery meeting.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

CHURCH _____

I am applying to be a: _____ Teaching Elder Commissioner

Have you ever attended a previous Assembly? If so, in what capacity and in what year?

1. Why do you want to be a commissioner to the 2022 General Assembly?

2. Describe five (5) major issues which you believe face the church today:

3. Describe your involvement in your local church:

4. Describe any involvement beyond your local church: (community, presbytery, etc.)

Teaching Elders: Need a signature and recommendation from another member of John Knox Presbytery.

SIGNATURE OF ENDORSEMENT: _____

I recommend this person as a Commissioner to General Assembly because:

Send this application to: John Knox Presbytery
 P. O. Box 350
 Richland Center, WI 53581

**COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY
and YOUTH ADVISORY DELEGATES
The John Knox Presbytery**

NUMBER: 2 teaching elders, 2 ruling elders and 1 YAD; 3 alternates. Alternates attend the General Assembly if the elected Commissioner is unable to fulfill the responsibility.

LENGTH OF TERM: 2 years

EXPECTATIONS:

1. Attend the General Assembly; serve on assigned Assembly Committee.
2. Attend the Presbytery's orientation for GA Commissioners.
3. Attend a Commissioning Service by the Presbytery at its May meeting.
4. Provide a report to the Presbytery at its August meeting.
5. Serve on a task force which studies and makes recommendations to the Presbytery regarding the actions of General Assembly.
6. As requested, be available to interpret the actions of the Assembly to the churches of the Presbytery.
7. Ruling Elder Commissioners are members of the Presbytery, with voice and vote, until the commissioners to the next General Assembly have been commissioned.

TIME REQUIREMENTS: Attend June 18th – July 9th plus preparation during the year that the General Assembly is held; 4-5 other meetings for orientation and task force meetings.

DESCRIPTION: To serve as a Commissioner to the General Assembly will involve one in a deliberative process that involves setting policy and adopting program directions for the denomination. It requires extensive reading prior to the Assembly and active, long days during the Assembly. A commissioner needs to be an independent thinker, willing to become informed on issues of the denomination and society, and receptive to hearing a diversity of viewpoints. Prior Presbytery service, familiarity with parliamentary procedures, and an understanding of our connectional system of church government is important. Following General Assembly, the Commissioners and Youth Advisory Delegate become the Bills and Overtures Committee of Presbytery responsible for helping the Presbytery understand and consider the amendments.

ACCOUNTABILITY: To the Presbytery. This is fulfilled through the report made following the annual meeting of the General Assembly.

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ALTERNATES need to be prepared and apprised of the issues so as to be ready to step in as a Commissioner at a moment's notice.

YOUTH ADVISORY DELEGATES need to be 17-24 years of age and active in a local church. YADS are assigned to General Assembly committees with voice and vote; have the privilege of speaking on the floor of the General Assembly and offer advisory votes. YADS are asked to prepare a written report and fulfill above expectations of Commissioners as much as able.

Information related to the 2022 General Assembly:

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