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GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER APPLICATION

The John Knox Presbytery is seeking two teaching elders to serve as a commissioner (1) and alternate commissioner (1) and one ruling elder to serve as an alternate commissioner (1) to the 2024 General Assembly. All ruling elders, whether or not actively serving on a session, are eligible to apply. All expenses related to serving as commissioner are paid.

The 226th General Assembly (2024) will be held in Salt Lake City, UT from June 25 – July 4, 2024. The theme of GA226 is “*Live into Hope.*” Assembly committee meetings will be conducted online June 25-27, 2024, using Zoom and PCBiz (the online platform for assembly business). Plenary business meetings will be held in-person June 29-July 4, 2024, in Salt Lake City. If elected, responsibilities include:

- Attend the General Assembly
- Attend the presbytery’s service of commissioning at the May 2024 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 2024 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 given at the November 2024 Presbytery Meeting
- 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 meeting in case a commissioner is unable to fulfill the duties.

The Presbytery’s Committee on Representation will review all applications and present recommendations at the November 2023 Presbytery meeting.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

CHURCH _____

I am applying to be a: _____ Teaching Elder Commissioner
 _____ Teaching Elder Alternate Commissioner
 _____ Alternate Ruling 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 2024 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.

Ruling Elders: Need a signature and recommendation from your Clerk of Session or Moderator.

SIGNATURE OF ENDORSEMENT: _____

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

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 1, 2023

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/Delegate 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 25th – July 4th 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.

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

YOUTH ADVISORY DELEGATES need to be 18-23 years of age before General Assembly convenes, and must be an active member of a local church or a participant of a New Worshipping Community or an immigrant fellowship which has a relationship with the John Knox Presbytery.. 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.

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

Information related to the 2024 General Assembly:

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- Attend the General Assembly
- Attend the presbytery’s service of commissioning at the May 2024 Presbytery Meeting
- Attend an orientation (date to be determined)
- The Young Adult Advisory Delegate will travel to Salt Lake City on Friday, June 28, 2024 so that they may participate in a YAAD Orientation before Sunday’s opening in-person plenary.
- Provide a verbal and one-page written report about the proceedings of the Assembly at the August 2024 Presbytery meeting
- Serve on a task force which makes recommendations to the presbytery regarding the actions taken by the General Assembly
- As availability permits, interpret the actions of the Assembly to the congregations of the Presbytery as invited
- Ruling Elder Commissioners are members of the Presbytery, with voice and vote, until the commissioners to the 227th General Assembly have been commissioned.