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## Youth Advisory Delegate Application Form

### For the 2024 General Assembly Meeting

### June 25 – July 4, 2022, Salt Lake City, Utah

The John Knox Presbytery will be sending one Youth Advisory Delegate to the 226<sup>th</sup> General Assembly meeting. We are also seeking a Youth Advisory Delegate Alternate. The Youth Advisory Delegate and Alternate needs to be **18-23 years of age before the General Assembly convenes on June 25, 2024**, 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.

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.

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.

A Youth Advisory Delegate is able to speak on the floor of the General Assembly, will serve on the various committees and vote in committee meetings. If elected, responsibilities include:

- Attend the General Assembly
- Attend the Presbytery’s service of commissioning at the May 2024 Presbytery Meeting
- Attend the Presbytery’s orientation for Commissioners (date to be determined)
- Provide a report on General Assembly experiences at the August 2024 Presbytery meeting
- If requested, be available to share your experience of the General Assembly with other groups and congregations in the Presbytery as time allows

The Youth Advisory Delegate Alternate needs to be prepared and available to attend the General Assembly meeting in case the Youth Advisory Delegate is unable to fulfill the duties.

Selection will be based upon this written application and the recommendations of the pastor and clerk of session. The Presbytery’s Committee on Representation will review all applications and present recommendations at the November 2023 Presbytery meeting.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying to be a:      \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Advisory Delegate  
   \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Advisory Delegate Alternate



1. What do you know about the General Assembly?

2. Why do you want to be a Youth Advisory Delegate and what do you hope to gain from this experience?

3. Describe your involvement in your local church:

4. Describe any involvement you have had beyond your local church:



**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 25<sup>th</sup> – July 4<sup>th</sup> 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 227<sup>th</sup> General Assembly have been commissioned.