



## Young Adult Advisory Delegate Application for 2022 General Assembly

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### GA 2022

Donegal Presbytery is looking for a young adult (ages 18-23) to be part of our delegation to next summer's General Assembly. Our Young Adult Advisory Delegate will join the elder and minister commissioners from our Presbytery to speak and make decisions at General Assembly, the national governing body of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

The meetings of the 225th General Assembly will be a blend between in-person Assembly committee meetings held at the Presbyterian Center in Louisville and online plenaries convened via Zoom. All Assembly meetings will be held between Friday, June 17, 2022, and Saturday, July 9, 2022. Commissioners and advisory delegates are asked to hold this full block of time until they have been notified of their Assembly committee assignment. Assembly committee assignment and specific dates for travel to Louisville will be distributed on or about Feb. 28, 2022. (See Expectations of Commissioners and YAADs to GA 2022).

YAADs serve as full members of a General Assembly committee and have the right to speak during the plenary (or whole group) meetings. They also have a great deal of material to go through in advance of the meeting. All expenses for travel, housing and meals are paid by the General Assembly. Only personal expenses will need to be covered by the YAAD.

### What is it?

Young adult advisory delegates are not attending a youth conference. YAADs are full participants in the General Assembly meeting, with responsibility for becoming familiar with the business coming before it and taking part in the deliberations. They are seated with the presbytery commissioners in the plenary sessions and are assigned to assembly committees. YAADs have voice in plenary sessions, and vote in their committee. The Stated Clerk assigns assembly assistants to serve as YAAD advisors; they provide guidance for the YAADs, but there is limited adult supervision. YAADs are housed in one of the assembly hotels, and generally share a room with another YAAD. YAADs must be self-motivated, mature, and have a high degree of self-responsibility to have the best experience.

### Who are We Looking for?

- The potential young adult advisory delegate should be active in their local congregation and presbytery or campus ministry.
- The young adult advisory delegate should be mature; the demands of the assembly require

responsible decision-making, as well as being away from home for a week and managing their time and work with limited adult assistance.

- Reference checks will be made with their pastor, campus minister or chaplain, or other local congregational leaders.
- The potential young adult advisory delegate should be able to attend the full General Assembly Meeting.
- The YAAD must have valid medical insurance.

### Process for the Election of Young Adult Advisory Commissioners

The method for the election of Young Adult Advisory Delegates to the General Assembly shall be as follows:

1. A young adult member of a church in the Presbytery of Donegal is eligible for election as a Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD to the General Assembly after completion of one full year of membership in his/her congregation. The YAAD must be no younger than age 18 and no older than age 23 on the day the Assembly commences. (Note: the GA Standing Rules say age 17. Donegal requires YAADS to be age 18, partly does to clearance issues and partly due to the maturity required.)
2. When a YAAD has served a General Assembly, they shall be ineligible for election as a YAAD to the next General Assembly.
3. Young adults who wish to be considered for election as commissioners shall submit to the Discerning Gifts & Passions an application that shall include a biography/faith journey, a picture, and a statement on why the person believes God is calling her/him to service as a GA Commissioner. Applications will be accepted beginning on August 1<sup>st</sup> of the year preceding the meeting of the General Assembly. The due date for this application shall be the October 1 of that year. The election of commissioners shall be held at a meeting of the Presbytery that shall be held no earlier than November 1 and no later than December 10 of that year. (The Standing Rules of the General Assembly now instruct that Commissioners and Young Adult Advisory Delegates will be reported to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly at least 180 days prior to the Assembly.)
4. A young adult shall be designated as alternate commissioners. The alternate shall be the one with the next highest vote total after those who have been elected.
5. The function of the Discerning Gifts and Passions Committee shall be to determine the eligibility of young adult applicants and to send the slate to the Leader Team for review prior to submission to the Presbytery.