



## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER/YAAD NOMINATING PROCESS 227<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2026) PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS**

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To be elected a commissioner to the General Assembly is an honor and a privilege, and available to PC(USA) ruling and teaching elders.

The Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois is allotted one teaching elder commissioner, one ruling elder commissioner and alternates for both positions along with one Young Adult Advisory Delegate (an active member who shall be between the ages of 18 and 23 years on June 22, 2026).

As you discern whether God is calling you to this special ministry of the church, it is important that you are aware of requirements and expectations:

The 227th General Assembly (2026) docket will begin with committee meetings conducted online, followed by in-person plenary sessions held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. All Assembly expenses are covered by the denomination. A Dependent Care Reimbursement Policy was developed for commissioners and advisory delegates to the General Assembly – beginning with the 222nd GA (2016).

- **June 22–24:** Assembly committee meetings, conducted **online** using Zoom and other online resources. *Zoom attendance is required.*
- **June 25 & 26:** Travel days for most commissioners and advisory delegates. June 27 is a full day of commissioner activities.
- **June 28 – July 2:** Plenary business meetings, **held in person** at the Baird Center in downtown Milwaukee. *Commissioners and advisory delegates must be present in person in the plenary hall to participate; there is no Zoom option.*

**If this attendance – online AND in-person – are possible for you, please consider important service. Commissioners and YAADs MUST be present for the duration of the 227th General Assembly, June 23 through July 2, 2026, and be available to serve as needed until the convening of the 228th General Assembly in 2028.**

The **Nominating Process** below strives to respect three Presbyterian Principles:

**1. “the election of the persons to exercise authority, in any particular society, is in that society.” [F3.0106]**

**2. “Presbyters are not simply to reflect the will of the people, but rather to seek together to find and represent the will of Christ.” [F-3.0204]**

**3. “The Presbyterian Church shall guarantee full participation or representation in its worship, governance, and emerging life to all persons or groups within its membership.” [F-1.0403]**

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Nomination will take place by application, which will be shared with the Coordinating Council with advice from the Committee on Representation for consideration. Nominees must be available for questioning at the November 8 stated meeting when the Presbytery will elect our commissioners and advisory delegate.

### **Ruling Elders**

- Ruling elders may be nominated by those who know their gifts, or they may self-nominate. All nominees must be endorsed by their church's Session. They will have preferably: a) been a member of their congregation for at least three years; and b) attended at least two presbytery meetings in a two-year period.
- Nomination forms must be submitted to their church's Clerk or Moderator of Session. After the Session has endorsed the nomination, the Clerk or Moderator must complete and submit the form electronically to [office.presby@gmail.com](mailto:office.presby@gmail.com) **no later than October 5, 2025.**

### **Teaching Elders**

- Teaching elders may be nominated by those who know their gifts, or they may self-nominate by completing the form and submitting it in electronic format only to [office.presby@gmail.com](mailto:office.presby@gmail.com) **no later than October 5, 2025.**
- Nominees must have a minimum of two years of membership in the presbytery, a record of regular attendance (at least half) of presbytery meetings and demonstrated service to the presbytery. Letters of reference are welcome but not required.

### **Young Adult Advisory Delegates (age 18-23)**

- YAADs may be nominated by those who know their gifts, or they may self-nominate. All nominees must be endorsed by their church's Session. Nomination forms must be submitted to their church's Clerk or Moderator of Session. After the Session has endorsed the nomination, the Clerk or Moderator shall complete and submit the form electronically to [office.presby@gmail.com](mailto:office.presby@gmail.com) **no later than October 5, 2025.**

- All candidates must provide a picture in electronic format.