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**APPLICATION FORM FOR  
MINISTER AND ELDER COMMISSIONERS TO  
222<sup>nd</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**June 18-25, 2016**

**Portland, Oregon**

Name:		Phone:
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Church		Email:

**Core Competencies:** Presbytery seeks to faithfully discern leaders to serve as General Assembly Commissioners who have:

- A **passion** for the gospel.
- **Commitment to the formational journey** as we seek to grow up in Christ.
- The **courage** to allow the Holy Spirit to transform our lives.
- **Flexibility and adaptability.**
- **Missional hearts** that know our call is to be in the world.
- **Faithful** servants of the Lord Jesus Christ, who lead not by compulsion, but by example.

**Have you previously attended GA as a commissioner?** \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If you have previously attended, list year(s):

**Please use a separate sheet of paper, and respond to the following:**

1. List experiences which will help you in your role as commissioner:
  - (a) in the local church
  - (b) in the presbytery
2. How is God calling you to serve as a General Assembly Commissioner?
3. I have read the Guidelines for Nominating Commissioners to General Assembly, and can fulfill these requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT / ENDORSEMENT BY SESSION**

The Session of \_\_\_\_\_, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, has acknowledged the application of the above named individual as nominee for minister / elder (please circle) commissioner to General Assembly.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Session

**Please return this form by October 31, 2015 to:** Nominating Committee, Muskingum Valley Presbytery  
109 Stonecreek Rd. NW | New Philadelphia, OH 44663 | 800-693-1147 | [mvpjourney@gmail.com](mailto:mvpjourney@gmail.com)

### **NOMINATION OF MINISTER COMMISSIONERS**

1. The Nominating Committee shall place before the presbytery at its January meeting the names of two people, one to be elected Commissioner and one as Alternate to the General Assembly meeting that same year.
2. These nominees shall be persons who are presently Continuing Members of Muskingum Valley Presbytery and meet the following criteria:
  - a. Have been members of Presbytery at least four years.
  - b. Have not attended General Assembly as a commissioner in the last ten years.
  - c. Are actively involved in the life of Presbytery. (Retired and Non-Parish pastors are eligible.)
  - d. Those seeking nomination are to submit a completed application form, with Session acknowledgement (parish pastors only) to the chair of the Nominating Committee. This time is not to be considered continuing education or vacation time.
  - e. The Presbytery Committee on Representation may, if it deems appropriate, encourage particular ministers to submit nominations.
3. Alternates will be selected as carefully as principals. Unless activated as alternates they may be given preference the following year, but must apply again.

### **NOMINATION OF ELDER COMMISSIONERS**

1. The nominating committee shall place before the Presbytery at its December meeting the names of two persons, one to be elected Commissioner and one as Alternate to the General Assembly meeting that same year.
  - a. Any church which has not sent an Elder Commissioner to General Assembly in the last five years may nominate one person.
  - b. The nominee will be actively involved in the life of Presbytery and the local congregation.
  - c. The application form, with Session endorsement, must be completed by the applicant and returned to the chair of the Nominating Committee of Presbytery.
  - d. The Presbytery Committee on Representation may, if it deems appropriate, encourage particular congregations to submit nominations.
2. Alternates will be selected as carefully as principals. Unless activated as Commissioner, they may apply again.

**For information: Appropriate costs (travel, food, and lodging) will be covered by the General Assembly.**

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**APPLICATION FORM FOR  
YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY DELEGATE  
222<sup>nd</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**June 18-25, 2016**

**Portland, Oregon**

Name:		Phone:	
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	Date of Birth:
Church		Email:	
Grade/Year:		School Phone:	
If living away at school:			
School Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	

**Core Competencies:** Presbytery seeks to faithfully discern leaders to serve as Young Adult Advisory Delegates to General Assembly who have:

- A **passion** for the gospel.
- **Commitment to the formational journey** as we seek to grow up in Christ.
- The **courage** to allow the Holy Spirit to transform our lives.
- **Flexibility and adaptability.**
- **Missional hearts** that know our call is to be in the world.
- **Faithful** servants of the Lord Jesus Christ, who lead not by compulsion, but by example.
- Applicant **must be between the ages of 17 and 23** at the time of the General Assembly.

**Have you previously attended GA as a Young Adult Advisor Delegate?** \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If you have previously attended, list year(s):

**Please use a separate sheet of paper to answer the following. There is no right or wrong answer implied.**

1. What do you see as the future of the church?
2. List three major issues which confront the church today. How do you feel the Church should respond to these issues?
3. List experiences that you have that will help you be a Young Adult Advisor Delegate:
  - a. in the church:
  - b. in the world:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT / ENDORSEMENT BY SESSION**

The above-named youth would be a good Young Adult Advisory Delegate.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Clerk of Session:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATING YOUTH ADVISORY DELEGATES TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE PRESBYTERY OF MUSKINGUM VALLEY

**These guidelines are developed on the basis of the following principles as related to General Assembly:**

- It is the highest governing body of the Presbyterian Church.
- It is a significant educational and spiritual event.
- It is a legislative and polity setting body.
- It must be concerned with the broad spectrum of the “whole” church.

**Therefore, it is imperative that those persons elected to serve as Commissioners have:**

- A prayerful openness to the leading of God’s Spirit.
- A reflective and flexible attitude toward issues.
- An understanding of the Church’s mission.
- A reasonably informed understanding of the Church’s mission.
- The responsibility to hold open the dates of General Assembly until after the assembly has convened.
- A willingness to do much reading prior to and during General Assembly.
- The physical health to sustain them for long hours.
- A willingness to share the experience and information gained with the presbytery following the event.
- A willingness and ability to participate in the committee process.

**The selection of Nominees for General Assembly will include the following considerations:**

- Active involvement in the life of the presbytery and/or the local congregation.
- Competencies, abilities and interests related to current issues which will be discussed.
- Sensitivity to inclusive participation with regard to age, sex, presbytery geography, size of home church, and ethnic identity.

### NOMINATING PROCEDURES

1. The Nominating Committee of Presbytery shall solicit applications for Young Adult Advisory Delegate nominees by sending a letter to pastors and clerk of sessions.
2. The nominee shall be between 17 and 23 years of age on the date the Assembly convenes and must be endorsed by her/his Session. No church shall submit more than one nominee.
3. The application, with Session endorsement, must be completed by the applicant and returned to the Chair of the Nominating Committee.
4. Ordinarily the Nominating Committee will plan to interview candidates in November.
5. Nominations will be submitted at the December meeting.
6. **The following criteria shall be considered:**
  - a. **Leadership ability and involvement in the local church.**
  - b. **Communication skills and ability to share their faith.**
  - c. **Ability to function actively in committee process.**
  - d. **Involvement in community and school activities.**

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