

The Presbytery of Yellowstone Representation/Nominating Team asks sessions to submit nominations for RULING ELDER COMMISSIONER and to the 227th General Assembly, June 22 – July 2, 2026

The General Assembly meeting will consist of committees meeting online June 22-24, followed by the Assembly plenary meeting in person in Milwaukee, June 27-July 2.

What does a Ruling Elder Commissioner do?

Ruling Elder Commissioners represent the presbytery on committees of the Assembly and in the plenary meeting of the Assembly with full voice and vote. Alongside an equal number of Minister Commissioners, the Ruling Elder Commissioners determine General Assembly policy for the coming biennium and beyond. Commissioners are expected to relate their Assembly experience to the Presbytery, and to groups and churches within the Presbytery, schedule permitting.

Who can be a Ruling Elder Commissioner?

Anyone ordained as a ruling elder, whether currently serving on session or not, who is a member of a Presbyterian Church (USA) within the bounds of the Presbytery of Yellowstone, may apply. It is expected that the commissioner will attend the entire Assembly, both the in-person and online portions.

What does it cost?

Costs, including travel, housing and meals are covered by General Assembly. Any “spending money” will be the responsibility of the commissioner.

How is a Ruling Elder Commissioner selected?

We are inviting every pastor and Session to assist us in this process by encouraging ruling elders in their congregations to complete the application **and return it to Sandy Welch (SandraWelch406@gmail.com) by August 15, 2025**. The Representation/Nomination Team will review applications and make nominations to the presbytery, which will elect its commissioners at its meeting in October 2025.

What kind of person makes a good Ruling Elder Commissioner?

- The commissioner should be mature in both faith and character as the demands of the General Assembly require responsible decision-making.
- The commissioner should be active in their local congregation and presbytery.
- It is important that they be able to attend the entire GA meeting, plus training and orientation. See the accompanying Fact Sheet.