

Representation/Nomination Team Report:

Members: Sandy Welch (Moderator), Lanny Rounds, JP Carlson, Terry Johnson and Kathy Goodrich(GP)

REPNUM has met monthly to discuss the vacancies in several ministry teams. After prayers and thoughtful considerations, RepNom nominates the following:

- 1) REPNUM nominates Rev Ashley Birk for the Class of 2026 Pastor position for Synod. We also nominate Ashley to finish the 2025 term for Synod representation.**

REPNUM has decided to leave the missing Class of 2025 positions for Leadership Cabinet and PMT vacant. We are requesting prayerful reflection and recommendations for qualified candidates for Leadership Cabinet for Vice-Moderator. If you know of someone who would be a good fit, please notify someone on REPNUM

The Presbytery needs to select Commissioners and advisory delegates to the 227th General Assembly (2026)

227th General Assembly Dates and Location

The 227th General Assembly (2026) docket will begin with committee meetings conducted online, followed by in-person plenary sessions held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The format will be similar to that of the 226th General Assembly (2024), with a few tweaks:

- June 22–24: Assembly committee meetings, conducted online using Zoom and MyGA. *Most commissioners and advisory delegates will participate remotely from their home, office, or another location with reliable internet service.*
- June 25 & 26: Travel days for most commissioners and advisory delegates.
- June 27: **ALL NEW!** Community Day, to include opportunities for worship and engagement with an issue of concern to Milwaukee-area Presbyterians; luncheons for assembly committee members; an opportunity to connect with PC(USA) agencies and organizations and access resources; and a welcome reception.
- June 28, morning: Worship and lunch with Milwaukee area congregations.
- 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 will not be an option to join the deliberations or vote remotely.***

Standing Rule 3.A.3.a. specifies that “Commissioners and advisory delegates must plan to be in attendance for the duration of the General Assembly.” This includes participation in their assigned assembly committee via Zoom and MyGA for all three days of its discernment, as well as the in-person meetings in Milwaukee. *Please make sure that all those who are interested in serving are aware of the full schedule and can commit to participating online in all meetings of their assigned committee, traveling to Milwaukee, and staying for the duration of the plenary sessions. This includes all advisory delegates as well as commissioners.*

In the coming months we will provide much more detail about the docket and the expectations of those serving as commissioners and advisory delegates.

Recruiting and Electing Commissioners and Advisory Delegates

The 226th General Assembly (2024) adopted new [Standing Rules](#) for the General Assembly, and you are encouraged to review the full document. Here we will focus on some of the significant changes directly affecting the assembly-related responsibilities of presbyteries. These include the formula for determining the number of commissioners that presbyteries are eligible to elect, and the process by which theological student advisory delegates are selected.

Commissioners

The number of commissioners a presbytery may elect to attend the 2026 General Assembly is based on the number of its active members, including resident clergy, for 2024 (as reported in 2025). (Yellowstone Presbytery may send one Minister Commissioner, one Ruling Elder Commissioner, and one YAAD.)

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONER TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPLICATION
Presbytery of Yellowstone
2026

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Mailing Address _____

Church _____

Member of present church since _____

Please respond to the following questions with 50-150 words per question.

1. What is important to you about being a Christian?
2. How have you experienced Christ active in your life?
3. How have you been active in your church and on the church session?
4. How have you been active in your community?
5. What has been your involvement beyond the local church in the presbytery, synod, or General Assembly?
6. Why are you interested in serving as a Ruling Elder Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA)?
7. What unique perspectives or concerns would you bring to General Assembly if elected?
8. What else should the nominating team know about you?

Please acknowledge your commitment to the following by checking the boxes.

- I am comfortable using a laptop and electronic communication.
- I will invest time prior to the Assembly learning about the issues coming before the Assembly and participating in training and orientation.
- I am able and willing to attend both the committee meetings (online June 25-27, 2024) and the plenary meeting (in person in Salt Lake City, June 29-July 4, 2024).
- I will be available to report to the presbytery at its fall meeting following the General Assembly, and to a congregation or session upon request.

Please return this application by August 15, 2025, to Sandy Welch at
SandraWelch406@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY DELEGATE APPLICATION
Presbytery of Yellowstone
2026

Name _____ Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ (Range: 6/26/2003 – 6/25/2009)

Email _____

Mailing Address _____

Church _____

Member of church since _____

Please respond to the following questions with about 50 words per question.

1. What is important to you about being a Christian?
2. How have you been active in your church? Have you held any leadership roles?
3. What leadership roles have you held in your school or community?
4. Why are you interested in serving as a Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA)?
5. Have you participated in the church beyond your local church, for example, camp, Triennium, presbytery, campus ministry? What was meaningful to you?
6. What else should the nominating team know about you?

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