## Representation/Nomination Team Report: October 2025

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

REPNOM has met monthly to discuss the vacancies in several ministry teams. We have met weekly in September.

- 1. REPNOM nominates Cheryl Banks & Debbie Ernst to PMT Co-moderators for 2026.
- 2. REPNOM recommends the Yellowstone Presbytery set aside the Standing Rules to allow the following: Rev. Jamie Schmeling to serve a 7<sup>th</sup> year on the Leadership Cabinet.
- 3. REPNOM nominates Jamie Schmeling to a 1-year term on Leadership Cabinet.
- 4. REPNOM nominates Steve Hundley as MWS Commissioner to the 227th General Assembly and Dave Thompson as Alternate for MWS positions.
- 5. REPNOM has sent 2 emails to the churches and 1 email to the PMT and Leadership Team members for commissioner's names for YAAD and RE.
- 6. Charles Brown has resigned from his position in Leadership Cabinet.
- 7. The Presbytery needs to select Commissioners and advisory delegates to the 227<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2026).

## Dates and Location for 227th General Assembly in 2026

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 <u>Standing Rules</u> 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).