

REPRESENTATIVE/NOMINATING TEAM - PRESBYTERY REPORT FOR JUNE 2015

Rep/Nom Team - Moderator Debbie Funke, Robert Culbertson, Lanny Rounds and George Goodrich, Staff

The Rep/Nom team is pleased to report that

- CRE Jack Bell from Billings first has accepted the one year at-large slot on the Leadership Cabinet for the class of 2015.
- TE Kristen Willet from Miles City has accepted a three year slot on the Leadership Cabinet for the class of 2017.

These two nominations need to be voted by the presbytery.

FYI - TE Jed Chauffman has accepted the "Personnel" hat on the Leadership Cabinet.

The team has completed a process for the nomination of Ruling Elders, Teaching Elders and Young Adult Advisor Delegates to the General Assembly. That process sheet is attached for your information.

We have also completed an application form for Young Adult Advisory Delegates and Ruling Elder Commissioners. Teaching Elders are selected on the basis of a point system. These applications are also attached.

We are urging all sessions to think carefully about folks from each congregation who might serve well as General Assembly delegates. Please be encouraging these folks to apply for General Assembly 2016. It meets June 18 - 25, 2016. Folks will need to be able to arrive a day or two before and YAAD must be between the ages of 17-23 years old on June 18, 2016 to qualify for this experience. If you or potential applicants have questions, please contact Debbie Funke at 406-209-2624 for more information.

PROCEDURE FOR SELECTING TEACHING ELDERS, RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS AND
YOUTH ADVISORY DELEGATES TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. The Representation/Nominating Ministry Team (Rep/Nom MT) will broadly announce opportunities to be considered as the Ruling Elder Commissioner (REC) or Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) to General Assembly during the winter and spring of the year prior to next General Assembly.
2. Sessions and pastors shall be encouraged to look for qualified individuals and invite them to enter into the process to be considered as a Ruling Elder Commissioner or YAAD. Individuals may nominate themselves. YAADS Must be 17 -23 years old the date the General Assembly convenes.
3. All individuals who are interested in being considered for this service will be required to complete an application and submit it to the Representation/Nominations Ministry Team by September 15th of the year prior to the next General Assembly.
4. All applicants (YAADS and RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS) shall send a copy of their application to the Representation/Nomination Ministry Team, which will then seek an endorsement from the home session of the applicant.
5. The Representation/Nomination Ministry Team will review the applications from Ruling Elders and YAADS and select nominees and alternates based on their record of love for Christ and Christ's church, spiritual and emotional maturity, experience in serving in the church and presbytery, proven character, integrity, grace and ability to endure long hours of meetings and in-depth discussion of emotional and controversial issues, availability to train and prepare for the assembly, etc. The Representation/Nominations Ministry Team shall then re-confer with those selected as to their willingness and availability to actually attend the next General Assembly.
6. The Representation/Nominations Ministry Team will review the current point list for teaching elders which is kept by the Stated Clerk and consult with the individuals in the top positions to determine willingness and availability to attend the next General Assembly. A delegate and an alternate shall be selected and confirmed.
7. The Representation/Nomination Ministry Team shall complete their work at least 3 weeks before the stated fall presbytery meeting and post these names along with nominees to other positions as a part of their report that will be voted on, at the fall meeting.
8. In case of a nominee or alternate becoming unable to serve, the Representation/Nominations Team will confer with the next name on their list and notify the Stated Clerk of the vacancy and new nomination.
9. The Elder Commissioner who is the alternate for one General Assembly will normally be the Elder Commission for the next General Assembly if they chose to apply.

Approved by team 5/20/15

9. Are you willing to spend considerable time becoming acquainted with the issues that will be before this General Assembly and being oriented to your task? _____
10. Are you willing to attend all of the sessions of the General Assembly knowing that they start early and sometimes run late into the evening? _____
11. Are you willing to be available to report to the fall presbytery meeting following General Assembly and to other churches or groups as requested? _____
12. Are you comfortable using a lap top and electronic communication? _____
13. What unique perspectives or concerns do you bring to General Assembly if elected?
14. What other information will help the nominating team to understand why you should be nominated to this important assignment?

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Please return this form by September 15th to Yellowstone presbytery, PO Box 1254, Bozeman, Mt 59771

YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY DELEGATE APPLICATION
Yellowstone Presbytery

Name: _____ Primary phone _____

Mailing Address: _____ zip _____

Church: _____

Member of present church since _____

(As you answer questions 1-5, 7, 9-b & c, 10-b & c, 11-b and 16, please use around 50 words to express your response.)

1. Describe briefly what it means to you to call yourself a Christian:

2. Share about a way you have experienced Christ as active in your life:

3. What are some activities of the church in which you have participated?

4. What leadership positions what you held in the church?

5. What leadership positions have you held in the school or community?

6. What do you know about General Assembly?

7. Why do you think you would like to serve as a YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY DELEGATE?

8. Have you ever been a Young Adult Advisory Delegate? _____ When? _____
9. A. Have you been to a Youth Triennium Event? _____ When? _____
- B. What did you most enjoy about that experience (Youth Triennium) if you attended?
- C. What challenged you about that experience?
10. A. Have you ever attended a presbytery meeting? _____
- B. If yes, what did you enjoy about that experience?
- C. What did you find challenging or difficult about a presbytery meeting?
11. A. Have you attended Yellowstone Presbytery Camps, i.e. Fall Camp, Winter Camp, and or Summer Camp at Westminster Spires? _____
- B. If yes, comment on which camps you have attended and what was meaningful to you about the experience.
12. Are you willing to invest a considerable amount of time learning about the issues coming before the next General Assembly and in training/orientation for this task? _____
13. Are you willing to attend all of the sessions of the General Assembly knowing that they start early and sometimes run late into the evening? _____
14. Are you willing to be available to report to the presbytery at its fall meeting following the General Assembly and/or report to a congregation or session upon request? _____
15. Are you comfortable using a laptop computer?
16. What else should the nominating team know about you as they consider this application?

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