



Nominations for Commissioners and YAAD for 227th General Assembly

Our Nominations process for 227th General Assembly is beginning now! With our schedule of Called Presbytery meetings in 2025, the process starts earlier than in previous years.

The 227th GA will be held online and at the Baird Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from Tuesday June 23 through Thursday July 2, 2026. Participants need to plan for these important dates and must attend all committee meeting and plenaries:

- **Online Committees: Tuesday, June 23- Thursday, June 25**
- **Transition/travel days: June 25-26**
- **Community Day (local causes, mission fair, committees' fellowship, reception) : June 27**
- **In-Person Plenaries in Milwaukee: Sunday, June 28- Thursday, July 2**

The General Assembly is our highest governing council of the denomination. Commissioners are sent from every Presbytery, helping us live out our connectional values of shared ministry.

The Presbytery of San Jose is seeking Minister of the Word and Sacrament/Teaching Elder, Ruling Elder Commissioner nominees, and a Young Adult Advisor Delegate(YAAD) to serve the 227th General Assembly in 2026. This is an opportunity to help the larger church discern and engage in the mission that Christ is calling us to do together. We will elect one RE commissioner, one TE commissioner and one YAAD.

Included in this packet information on what to expect from the 227th GA organizers.

Please see the attached information from the *Presbytery of San Jose Standing Rules* for the process for electing Commissioners and Young Adult Advisory Delegates to GA.

Each eligible Minister, and each Ruling Elder or YAAD nominated by their session, shall submit the following about her/himself, on one page:

- Personal background in the Presbyterian Church;
- Personal hopes and desires for the Church;
- Brief descriptions of several significant issues facing the Church;
- A statement that, if elected, they intends to be a General Assembly resource for the Presbytery in the year following service as commissioner
- **YAADs have to be 18yrs old by June 21, 2026 and no older than 23yrs old.**

Submit nominations by September 10 to the Stated Clerk by mail to the Presbytery office or email Erica@sanjosepby.org to be considered for election at the October 23, 2025 Presbytery meeting



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Presbytery of San Jose Standing Rules regarding GA Commissions

- 8.10 Commissioners to General Assembly and Young Adult Advisory Delegates shall be elected at the ~~November~~ October tated meeting. (Book of Order **G-3.0302a**)
- 8.11 The Stated Clerk shall enclose in the mailing of the call to the February 2025¹~~September~~ meeting the invitation to nominate Ministers and Ruling Elders for election as commissioners.
- 8.12 To be eligible for election as a commissioner, a Minister must
- be an active member (Book of Order G-2.0502) of Presbytery;
 - have been a member of San Jose Presbytery for the previous two years;
 - be currently serving on a Presbytery committee/council/commission/Task Force;
 - be present at election;
 - have attended at least three of the stated meetings of Presbytery in the previous year;
 - be willing and able to be a resource on General Assembly in the 12 months after serving as commissioner.
- 8.13 To be eligible for election as a commissioner, a Ruling Elder must
- be nominated by his/her session;
 - have been present at least three of the stated meetings of presbytery in the preceding year;
 - be present at election;
 - be willing and able to be a resource on General Assembly in the 12 months after serving as commissioner.
- 8.14 The following shall govern the selection of Minister commissioners:
- 8.14.1 Any Minister who meets the criteria of 8.12 above may be placed in nomination. Others may be nominated from the floor, provided they are present and meet the criteria (a) through (f) of 8.12 above and provide information asked.
- 8.14.2 Presbytery shall vote for as many Minister commissioners as are allowed by the Book of Order. Those receiving the most votes shall be declared elected, if they have received a majority of the votes cast. If necessary, additional ballots shall be taken, eliminating those with fewer than 15 percent of votes cast, until a majority is reached.

¹ Changed to accommodate February 27, 2025 Called Presbytery meeting



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8.15 Each eligible Minister, and each Ruling Elder nominated by his/her session, shall submit the following about her/himself, on one page, for mailing with the call to the October 2025

²~~November~~ meeting:

- a) Personal background in the Presbyterian Church;
- Personal hopes and desires for the Church;
- Brief descriptions of several significant issues facing the Church;
- A statement that, if elected, she/he intends to be a General Assembly resource for the Presbytery in the year following service as commissioner.

8.16 The following shall govern the selection of Ruling Elder commissioners: (See also 8.13 and 8.15 above.)

8.16.1 All churches shall be invited to nominate a Ruling Elder commissioner provided they meet criteria (a) through (d) of 8.13 above and provide information asked in 8.15 above. The Stated Clerk, with the call to the-September meeting, shall invite all churches to nominate an eligible Ruling Elder. All churches responding shall reply to the Stated Clerk with the name and information required in 8.15 above by the 10th of September ³~~10th of November~~.

8.16.2 Nominations may be made from the floor, provided nominees are present and meet criteria (a) through (d) of 8.13 above, and provide information asked in 8.15 above to the Stated Clerk by the 10th of September ⁴~~10th of November~~.

8.16.3 Presbytery shall vote for as many Ruling Elder commissioners as are allowed by the Book of Order. Those receiving the most votes shall be declared elected, if they have received a majority of the votes cast. If necessary, additional ballots shall be taken, eliminating those with fewer than 15 percent of the votes, until a majority is reached.

8.16.4 Should any elected commissioner be unable to attend the meeting of General Assembly, his/her runner-up in the election of commissioners shall be the alternate commissioner.

8.17 The following shall govern the selection of Young Adult Advisory Delegates to General Assembly:

8.17.1 Every session may nominate a person between the ages of 18 and 23⁵ ~~17 and 23~~ (on the day General Assembly convenes) for the position of Young Adult Advisory Delegate to General Assembly. Nominations must be in writing to the Stated Clerk by the 10th of November, accompanied by the same documents required of nominees for commissioner. (See 8.15 above.) The election process shall be as outlined in 8.16.3.

8.17.2 Should any elected Young Adult Advisory Delegate be unable to attend the meeting of General Assembly, the runner-up to the elected YAAD shall be the alternate delegate.

² Changed to accommodate October 23, 2025 Called Presbytery meeting

³ Changed to accommodate docket lead time for October 23, 2025 Called Presbytery meeting

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⁵ The Standing Rules of the General Assembly require that the YAAD must be between 18 and 23 on the day that the General Assembly convenes.