

Presbytery of Great Rivers
COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

I would like to suggest (name) _____

from (church) _____

for consideration for the committee, council, board or assembly checked below.

_____ **Committee on Ministry:**

This Committee meets eleven times each year and conducts some business by email between meetings. These are Tuesday, daylong meetings in Peoria. The members of the Committee meet together to address all of the issues that arise between the pastor or other leader of a congregation and the members of the congregation, including calls, dissolution of calls, and problems that may arise from time to time. Each member of the committee also serves as the representative of the committee to several congregations and will be called upon to attend meetings of the session or Pastor Nominating Committee of those congregations as needed. Members of this committee need to be able to keep confidences and to address conflict in a way that is helpful to the whole church. The Committee sometimes acts on behalf of the Presbytery so all its lay members must be elders.

_____ **Committee on Preparation for Ministry:**

This committee meets three times each year for daylong meetings in Peoria. The committee oversees the preparation of those who feel called to ministry as Ministers of Word and Sacrament in the PCUSA. The meetings include face to face meetings with these persons and sometimes involve hard decisions that need to be made. Each member of the committee also acts as a liaison with one or more candidates and inquirers, keeping in touch with them and being available to them at all times. The Committee sometimes acts on behalf of the Presbytery so all its lay members must be elders.

_____ **Examination Committee:**

This committee is unique to the Presbytery of Great Rivers. Its members meet in small teams with ministers who are being considered for service in any of the congregations of the presbytery. The committee meets as a whole once each year for training. The Committee sometimes acts on behalf of the Presbytery, so all its lay members must be elders.

_____ **Administration Council:**

This committee meets four times each year for half day or daylong meetings in Peoria. The committee acts as the Trustees of the Presbytery, handles Personnel Issues, and oversees the budget, investments and all other financial business of the presbytery. The Committee sometimes acts on behalf of the Presbytery so all its lay members must be elders.

_____ **Visioning Council:**

This committee meets six times each year for daylong meetings in Peoria. They oversee the Mission Initiative Grants of the presbytery, plan presbytery meetings and educational events for pastors and lay members, and set the vision and strategy for the presbytery. The Committee sometimes acts on behalf of the Presbytery so all its lay members must be elders.

_____ **Illinois Conference of Churches:**

One member of the Presbytery serves as our delegate to this body, which meets as a whole once each year.

_____ **Illinois Presbyterian Home**

(Springfield): The Board of the Presbyterian Home includes members of this presbytery who attend its monthly meetings at the home.

_____ **General Assembly Commissioners:**

Our presbytery elects six people to serve as Commissioners to each General Assembly. These are three elders and three ministers. The moderator and moderator-elect of the presbytery serve in two of these

slots and the other four are elected from among the congregations of the presbytery. This role involves extensive preparation before the meeting, which lasts for a week. Those elected must be comfortable with computer technology since the meeting papers are issued and revised online during the meeting. The commissioners are expected to report to the presbytery after the GA meeting. They also serve as the Bills and Overtures committee of the presbytery until the next General Assembly, making recommendations about the presbytery's vote on any overtures sent down by the GA and on any overtures received from congregations within the presbytery.

General Assembly Youth Advisory Delegate:

The YAD must be between the ages of 16 and 24 and serves at the General Assembly, a week-long meeting. Extensive preparation before the meeting and computer skills are required. The YAD is expected to report, along with the Commissioners, to the presbytery after the GA meeting and is a member of the presbytery's Bills and Overtures committee until the next meeting of the General Assembly.

Synod Commissioner:

Our presbytery elects two elders and two ministers to serve as commissioners to the Synod of Lincoln Trails for a three-year term. The Synod meets in the Champaign-Urbana area four times each year for one-day meetings. The commissioners are expected to inform the presbytery about the work of the Synod.