

## **WHAT IS A YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY DELEGATE?**

The basic role and function of a Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) is to make commissioners to the General Assembly (GA) aware of issues and ideas they might not otherwise come to know. The GA is open to having young people in its midst and encourages the voice of YAADs in its deliberations.

A YAAD is a young adult advisory delegate who attends the assigned gatherings of our church government along with other adult commissioners. These young adult delegates are given voice and vote in committee work, and voice on the floor of the assemblies.

Many times, when the assembly votes are taken, the advisory votes of the YAADs are first!

YAADs learn the "ropes" of the Presbyterian system, and gather for their own meetings outside of scheduled committee and plenary times to keep informed and updated about issues and processes so that they are prepared for the work of the assembly.

For young adults who are interested in learning about the larger church, meeting young adults from lots of other places, and participating in government in an important way, this can be a valuable experience!

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

- Between the ages of 17 and 23 at the time of the assembly
- A participating member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- A growing and concerned Christian

### **EXPENSES:**

All expenses for travel, housing, and meals to General Assembly are paid for by the presbytery and/or General Assembly.

### **EXPECTATIONS:**

It is expected that a YAAD will participate in the following ways:

- In consciousness raising, i.e., increasing the sensitivity of the denomination as to how young Christians see and respond to issues and concerns before the Church; and sharpening those issues and concerns that particularly affect youth.
- As visible and articulate members of the church, contributing to the openness, sensitivity, and faithfulness of the Church.
- YAADs shall not be elected to GA with either a direct or implicit understanding of how they will speak or vote in the assembly, or in committee on any pending issue.

- To seek and contribute to openness, the sensitivity, and the faithfulness of the Church.
- Candidates MUST attend the full General Assembly meeting for which they apply to serve as a YAAD (Standing Rule 5 of The Manual of the General Assembly), and report to the Presbytery.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:**

If you would like to be considered for nomination as a YAAD for this General Assembly, please do the following:

- Fill out the enclosed application.
- Provide a one-page statement expressing your reasons for being interested in serving as a YAAD.
- Please ask your pastor or session to provide a one-page statement describing the characteristics that they believe make you a worthy nominee as a Young Adult Advisory Delegate to represent the Presbytery of Great Rivers.

Email or mail these **three** items: (the application, your one-page statement, and the statement from your Session or pastor) by October 10, 2019 to:

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