

GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY TO BE A GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER

ELDERS are eligible for nomination based on the following criteria:

- a) Have been a member of a church within the Presbytery of Los Ranchos and ordained as an elder at least two years as of the date of nomination.
- b) Have demonstrated interest and commitment to the larger church by service and participation in various governing bodies.
- c) Have an understanding of parliamentary procedure as well as the operational procedure, functions, and responsibilities of various governing bodies.
- d) Computer skills are essential as all business before the plenary Session is managed through a closed intranet system and voting is either handled through a special device or through a cell phone link.
- e) Are willing to become aware of the issues to be discussed at the next meeting of the General Assembly, including pre-Assembly reading and preparation.
- f) Will be able to attend the General Assembly in its entirety from start to finish, including assigned committee meetings.
- g) Will be available and willing to report on the General Assembly at a presbytery meeting and, if requested, to congregations within the presbytery. Also, be willing to serve as a resource in the election of delegates for succeeding General Assemblies.

MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENT are eligible for nomination using the same criteria as those listed for elders, except for item a., which for clergy reads:

- a) Have been a member of The Presbytery of Los Ranchos at least two years as of the date of nomination.

HEALTH NOTE:

General Assembly is very intensive. Each day starts early with worship, and business meetings can go until 10:00 or 11:00 p.m. A person contemplating nomination to be a commissioner should have good endurance.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY INFORMATION ON THE PROVISION FOR DEPENDENT CARE:

- Commissioner or Advisory Delegate may include in vouchered expense, the cost of dependent care under the following circumstances:
- The dependent is a child under the age 18 or an adult dependent requiring care, and is the responsibility of the commissioner or advisory delegate;
- The care replaces that which is normally provided by the commissioner or advisory delegate or supplements care at the assembly;
- The expenses do not exceed \$800 per dependent or \$400 per additional dependent.

Acceptable expenses may include, but are not limited to:

- Employment of a part-time sitter at the commissioner or advisory delegate's home or at the assembly;
- The cost of care at a child or adult care center over and above that which is ordinarily incurred when the commissioner or advisory delegate is at home;
- The cost of transporting a family member or other trusted person to the commissioner or advisory delegate's home or to the assembly to provide dependent care;
- Additional travel, registration or housing costs for a dependent to attend a camp or conference above what would ordinarily occur if the commissioner or advisory delegate were not attending the assembly.