

COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO SYNOD

Commissioners and alternates to General Assembly and Synod shall be nominated by the Presbytery Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee will have the use of a rotation list, such list to be kept by the Stated Clerk. The list will be available to anyone requesting it but will not be published generally. The Nominating Committee will have freedom to nominate according to the best judgment of the committee, without being bound by the rotation list.

For nomination of ruling elders, suggestions will be solicited from all churches through the use of a standard form.

The Presbytery Nominating Committee, in addition to consulting the rotation list shall make every effort to balance the makeup of our group of elder and clergy commissioners by gender, geographic location of home churches, size of home church, theological perspective, age, race, differently able, and other relevant factors. This may be accomplished over a period of five years. The makeup of clergy members of Presbytery shall be considered in the process of nomination: e.g. proportion of women to men, proportion of Interims, etc.

The rotation list of ministers shall include the names of ordained ministers in active service and not honorably or otherwise retired. Anyone who has been absent from one third of the Stated Meetings of Presbytery, whether or not excused, during the previous three years shall not be so nominated. The formula used to determine seniority shall be one point for each year of service as a minister of word and sacrament or since last service as a commissioner and one additional point for each year of membership in this Presbytery since last service as a commissioner.

Persons who are "second career" clergy may also receive (A) one point for every three years of active service as an elder or (B) one point for every year as an annual delegate to any Presbytery, or service on any Presbytery, Synod of GA Committee. They shall receive no more than one point from A or B per year. (C) They shall also receive one additional point for every year of annual delegate of committee service beyond the local congregation if based in the Presbytery of Geneva.

Failure to accept nomination, or failure to attend if elected, without valid reason, shall cancel all accumulated points and automatically drop the name to the bottom of the list.

Interim pastors will be considered after accumulating 12 months of service as an interim pastor within the Presbytery of Geneva. They will accumulate points in the same fashion as other Ministers of Word and Sacrament.

Clergy who have never served as a commissioner to General Assembly or Synod shall ordinarily be considered before those who have already served in that capacity.

This addendum shall be reviewed and evaluated every five years by General Council or its designee.