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...where Presbyterians will meet

September 4, 2009

To: Clerks of Session, Clergy Members of Presbytery, Commissioners to Presbytery

Dear Presbyters,

It is time to think about the 2010 meeting of the General Assembly! The Nominations Committee of SNEP is looking for a few good folks interested in serving as our commissioners, alternates or youth advisory delegates. We encourage you to send us your nominations.

Serving as a commissioner is an exhausting and exciting immersion into the workings of our denomination. Our commissioners will join with those from the other 172 presbyteries to review the work of the Assembly and make decisions about its future. These faith-filled folks will reflect the full range of demographic, regional and theological perspectives. To take part in the breadth of vision and diversity of voices in this intense conversation can be an opportunity to grow and deepen one's faith.

We invite you to nominate candidates for the 219th General Assembly in Minneapolis, MI, July 3-10, 2010. We seek nominees for the following positions:

- 2 Elder Commissioners (and an Alternate Elder Commissioner)
- 2 Clergy Commissioners (and an Alternate Clergy Commissioner)
- 1 Youth Advisory Delegate (with a YAD weekend orientation in March in New York State)

The Nominations Committee will give priority to—

- Elder candidates from congregations that have not fielded an elder commissioner for a longer period of time.
- Clergy candidates with longer active service since they have been a commissioner.
- Candidates who offer a unique vision or insight to particular issues facing this General Assembly.

Please note that all candidates must complete and sign their own nomination forms, and YAD's and elders must also be endorsed by their sessions. In addition, please

say why the candidate is being nominated and endorsed. All endorsements, including support for clergy, will be helpful to and considered by the Nominations Committee.

To help you in this process, you will find the following attached—

- Description of the duties of commissioners and suggested criteria for selection
- Lists of elder/clergy by date of representation to GA
- Application form

Please return your nomination forms no later than November 1, 2009, to Nominations Committee, The Presbytery of Southern New England, 123 Elm Street, #200, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of who might serve Christ's Church in this special way.

The Nominations Committee
Presbytery of Southern New England

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DUTIES OF COMMISSIONERS* TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. Be in prayer for the work of the whole Church.
2. Be prepared for representation in the work of the Assembly
 - Study all printed materials distributed prior to the Assembly
 - Join the orientation meeting provided by the Presbytery
 - Attend orientation immediately preceding the Assembly
3. Be an active commissioner
 - Attend all sessions of the General Assembly meeting
 - Serve as a member of a standing committee as assigned
 - Serve in committee leadership positions as needed
4. Be an interpreter of the actions and the experience of this Assembly
 - Address the presbytery in plenary and appropriate committees
 - Reach out to congregations to spread the Word
 - Help as needed to prepare the next commissioners

* Expectations for YAD (Youth Advisory Delegate) are appropriately similar to GA commissioners

SUGGESTED CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF GA COMMISSIONERS

1. Experience Criteria:

Commissioners should be knowledgeable regarding the polity of the PC(USA), and be considered according to their experience considering:

- Length of time and variety of ways in which their service has been rendered in the local church, presbytery and beyond.
- Leadership that suggests unique openness to the Spirit to provide different perspectives, new visions and/or fresh insight into issues facing the church.
- Skill in working with current technologies for gathering and disseminating information.

2. Personal Criteria:

- Model a Christ-like life with reference to moral purity and ethical integrity.
- Evidence a strong representation of the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control) in his or her life. (Galatians 5:22-23)
- Committed to work for peace, unity, and purity of the Church (especially within the PC(USA)).
- Open to the working of the Holy Spirit in deciding matters.
- Able to articulate views and thoughts clearly, simply, rationally, and logically, while inviting participation from differing voices, listening with an open mind and heart, and coming to decisions thoughtfully and prayerfully.
- Well-respected and typically they will be well known in the work of presbytery.

ELDERS

Church	Years since GA	Year Elder Represented Church
Greenwich, First	*30	
Groton, St. Andrew	*30	2008 alt.
Hamden, Korean	*30	
Hartford, First	*30	
Holyoke, First	*30	
Manchester, Korean	*30	
Milford, United	*30	
Newport, First	*30	
Old Greenwich	*30	
Stamford, TOR	*30	
West Hartford, Westminster	*30	
New Canaan, First	25	1981; 1983
Fall River, Calvary	24	1984
Barrington	23	1985
Brookfield, Valley	22	1986
Warwick, Greenwood	21	1987
Fall River, United	19	1989
Fall River: CIL	18	1990
Simsbury, Covenant	17	1991
Ashaway	16	1992
Springfield, Christ	15	1993
Warwick, Woodbury	14	1994
Wilton	13	1995
New Haven, CT Korean	12	1996
Providence	11	1982; 1997
Enfield, Calvary	10	1978; 1998
Cranston, Faith	11	1999
Cumberland, Calvin	8	2000
New Haven, First	7	1988; 2001
Westerly, Dunn's Corners	6	2002
Darien: Noroton	5	1979; 1980; 2003
Stamford, First	4	2004
Fairfield First	1	2006
Springfield, MLK	1	2008
Waterford, Crossroads	1	2008
Highlighting = church never represented by clergy or elder at GA		

CLERGY

Church	Years since GA	Year Clergy Represented Church
Ashaway	*30	
Enfield, Calvary	*30	1979 alt.; 2008 alt.
Fall River, Calvary	*30	
Fall River: CIL	*30	
Fall River, United	*30	
Hamden, Korean	*30	
Holyoke, First	*30	
Manchester, Korean	*30	
New Haven, CT Korean	*30	
Newport, First	*30	
Providence	*30	
Springfield, Christ	*30	
Springfield, MLK	*30	
Stamford, TOR	*30	1979 alt.; 1980 alt.
Warwick, Greenwood	*30	
Waterford, Crossroads	*30	
Westerly, Dunn's Corners	*30	
Fairfield First	30	1978
Hartford, First	30	1978; 2006 alt.
Cumberland, Calvin	29	1978 alt.; 1979
Milford, United	29	1978 alt.; 1979
Groton, St. Andrew	26	1982
Warwick, Woodbury	25	1983
New Haven, First	22	1985; 1986
Darien: Noroton	19	1989
West Hartford, Westminster	15	1993
Simsbury, Covenant	14	1994
Old Greenwich	13	1995
Wilton	12	1996
Stamford, First	8	2000
Barrington	5	2002 alt.; 2003
Brookfield, Valley	4	2003 alt.; 2004
Greenwich, First	2	1992; 2004 alt.; 2006
Cranston, Faith	1	2008
New Canaan, First	1	2008

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* 30 years represents NEVER

Presbytery of Southern New England
Application for Nomination
Commissioner to General Assembly
Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 3-10, 2010
Check one: Elder () Clergy ()

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT. PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE.

Name: _____

Office phone: _____ Home phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Employing organization/school: _____

Primary vocation: _____

For clergy: Year ordained: _____ Last year to: Synod _____ General Assembly _____

LIST ECCLESIASTICAL SERVICE: Use additional paper if necessary.

Congregation	Service	Years of Service
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Presbytery	Service	Years of Service
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Synod/General Assembly	Service	Years of Service
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What special interests and commitments would you bring to the General Assembly?

What goals would you have in serving—for yourself and for the Assembly?

How would you carry this experience into your life in the presbytery and congregations?

How do you envision this experience strengthening your commitment as a follower of Christ?

Other comments:

Applicant's signature: _____ Date _____

Presbytery of Southern New England
Application for Nomination
Youth Advisory Delegate
to General Assembly
Minneapolis, Minnesota
July 3-10, 2010

THIS SIDE TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT. PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE.

Name: _____ Church: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Male _____ Female _____ Elder _____ Deacon _____

Disability: Yes _____ No _____ Description: _____

At the time of the General Assembly, will you be aged 25 years or younger? Yes _____ No _____

Present Employer or School: _____

I ___ am ___ am not available to attend the General Assembly meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the week of July 3-10, 2010.

Church Activities:

Community Activities:

Other Interests:

How do you envision this experience strengthening your commitment as a follower of Christ?

What do you hope to gain from attending General Assembly?

Applicant's signature:

ENDORSEMENT INFORMATION →

THIS SIDE TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ENDORSING BODY

Endorsed by: _____

We support the endorsement of _____ because:
(describe their skills, i.e., leadership, interpersonal, organizational, communications)