

In accordance with the discussion held at the November 19, 2016 Presbytery of Grand Canyon meeting, the following proposed changes to the election cycle for Teaching Elder Commissioners, Ruling Elder Commissioners, and Young Adult Advisory delegates are posted for review and consideration 50 days prior to the January 27, 2017 Annual meeting.

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ARTICLE VII ECCLESIASTICAL RELATIONSHIPS

B-7.0100. Election of teaching elder commissioners to General Assembly and Synod.

The Operations Committee shall present names of teaching elder nominees for election as commissioners and alternates to the General Assembly and Synod, taking into consideration: (a) the teaching elder's particular qualifications to serve at General Assembly and Synod with their services in the presbytery to be given primary consideration, (b) they shall ordinarily have been a member of the presbytery for three years (c) have demonstrated consistent attendance at meetings of the presbytery and (d) actively served as a member of a presbytery commission, committee or the presbytery Leadership Team for at least one three-year term. Where there is more than one teaching elder in a particular church, only one shall be elected in any given year. Nominations from the floor for teaching elder commissioner nominees to the General Assembly shall be made at the ~~third~~ **second** regular scheduled presbytery meeting.

a. The names of teaching elder nominees for General Assembly commissioner shall be given to the stated clerk for distribution at the ~~third~~ **second** and ~~fourth~~ **third** regular scheduled meetings of Presbytery. The stated clerk shall also distribute at these meetings a list of all teaching elders in the Presbytery, stating the year of their ordination or reception into the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the date of reception into the membership of the presbytery, their attendance at presbytery meetings for the most recent two years, and their most recent service as commissioner to General Assembly and Synod.

b. The teaching elder commissioners to General Assembly shall be elected at the ~~fourth~~ **third** regular scheduled presbytery meeting in the year prior to the year in which the General Assembly will be held.

c. The teaching elder commissioners to Synod shall be elected annually in the third regular scheduled presbytery meeting of the year.

B-7.0110. Election of ruling elder commissioners to General Assembly and Synod.

Ruling Elder and alternate commissioners to General Assembly and Synod shall be elected by Presbytery upon nomination by sessions of a ruling elder commissioner nominee from designated churches. In making the determination of the designated churches invited to nominate a ruling elder commissioner nominee, the Operations committee will take into consideration: (a) the date of the church's most recent representation at General Assembly and Synod by a ruling elder commissioner or teaching elder, (b) the church's representation by ruling elder delegates at meetings of Presbytery, and (c) the size of the active membership of the church. So far as possible, the Operations Committee shall take into account geographical distribution, and shall consider also the possibility of nominating staff personnel. When a

teaching elder of a particular church has been elected, that church will not be represented as well by a ruling elder that year.

a. The Operations Committee shall give names of churches nominating ruling elder commissioner nominees to General Assembly, and the nominee's name from each church to the stated clerk for distribution at the ~~third~~ **second** regular scheduled meeting of Presbytery. The stated clerk shall also, at the ~~third~~ **second** regular scheduled meeting, distribute a list of all the churches in the Presbytery, the most recent times that they were represented by a ruling elder commissioner at General Assembly, and the record of attendance of their ruling elder commissioners at presbytery meetings for the most recent two-year period.

b. Nominations from the floor for additional ruling elder commissioner nominees for General Assembly shall be made at the ~~third~~ **second** regular scheduled meeting of Presbytery.

c. Ruling Elder commissioners and alternates to General Assembly shall be elected by Presbytery at the ~~fourth~~ **third** regular scheduled presbytery meeting in the year prior to the year in which the General Assembly will be held, from those ruling elder commissioner nominees placed in nomination at the previous ~~November~~ **second** meeting by Sessions of designated churches and/or nominated from the floor at the previous ~~November~~ **second** meeting.

d. The Operations Committee shall give the names of the churches nominating synod commissioners to the stated clerk for distribution at the second regular scheduled meeting of the Presbytery. The stated clerk shall also at the second regular scheduled meeting distribute a list of all the churches in Presbytery and when they were most recently represented by a ruling elder at Synod.

e. After any nominations from the floor, the churches nominating ruling elder commissioners to Synod shall be elected at the third regular scheduled presbytery meeting.

B-7.0120. Election of young adult advisory delegates to General Assembly and Synod. A Young Adult Advisory Delegate and alternate to General Assembly shall be nominated and elected at the ~~fourth~~ **third** regular scheduled meeting of Presbytery. A Young Adult Advisory Delegate to Synod shall be nominated and elected at the ~~third~~ **second** regular scheduled stated Presbytery meeting. The Presbytery Operations Committee shall present a slate of Young Adult Advisory Delegates for General Assembly and Synod at the appropriate meeting of Presbytery. These nominations shall include a brief biographical sketch or resume, or both, of each nominee, as well as endorsement by his/her Session.