

PRESBYTERY OF LOS RANCHOS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS - 2010

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is calendared to meet from **Saturday, July 3 to Saturday, July 10, 2010 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.** Our Presbytery is entitled to elect and send three elder and three minister commissioners. We need to elect a like number of alternates, in the event any of the principals are prevented from attending for any reason. [ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS](#) will be held during the meeting of our Presbytery on [February 25, 2010](#) at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Commissioners are elected in an open nominating process. However, the Standing Rules require the Stated Clerk to inform the Presbytery of the seniority of minister members and churches who have been the longest since they represented Presbytery at General Assembly. The SENIORITY LIST is on the reverse side. Seniority is only ONE consideration in the nominating process. Involvement at Presbytery level in meetings and serving on committees is also important. Council has also approved the enclosed GUIDELINES. Remember the nominations are completely open and the seniority list is for information only.

Those planning to be nominated to be a commissioner to the General Assembly, shall provide the Stated Clerk's office a completed, standardized biographical résumé and responses to the four questions. This form shall be submitted 45 days prior to the meeting of election. (or January 1, 2010)

It is the responsibility of the one who wishes to be nominated to secure a member of Presbytery (elder or clergy to nominate her/him). It is the responsibility of the person or session nominating a person to secure **in advance** their permission to be nominated!

Nominating Speeches will be TWO minutes in length. Then, the nominee will have TWO minutes to explain "why I want to be a commissioner to GA."

Sessions should evaluate possible elder commissioners carefully. As a general rule, elders who have had some Presbytery and/or Synod committee experience are better prepared to serve than those without such experience. **All** elders are eligible, whether or not they are currently serving on the session of the church in which they are members.

Anyone who will be nominated should notify the **Stated Clerk** of the Presbytery of Los Ranchos by January 1, 2010, supplying name, address, phone, and Biographical Information. Please note that commissioners are to be elected "without exclusion because of race, ethnic origin, sex, marital status, or age."

Most expenses (transportation, housing and meals) are paid by the General Assembly, out of our per capita apportionment, but most commissioners will incur additional nominal expenses.