

THE PRESBYTERY OF LOS RANCHOS
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION
about
GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER NOMINEES

NAME: Donald R. Roberson

CHURCH: Presbyterian Church of the Master

Local Church Experience:

1. Member of the Presbyterian Denomination since joining baptism at Fletcher Hills Presbyterian Church, La Mesa. CA 1974-Present
2. Member at Presbyterian Church of the Master 1986 – Present with attendance gap of 1989-1999.

Activities:

1. Disciples Bible Study Program
2. Men's and Couples Small groups
3. Stephen Ministry in the Stephen Minister Program 2007-Present
4. Stephen Ministry Leader in the Stephen Ministry Program 2009-Present
5. Team Teacher Vacation Bible School
6. Men's Ministry planning and events coordination 2007-Present
7. Session Communications Committee (Non-Elder) 2009-2010
8. Session Elder 2011-2013
9. Presbytery Elder representative 2011-Present
10. Session Committees 2011-2013 Communications and Mission Outreach

Service to the Denomination: (Presbytery and beyond)

Los Ranchos Presbytery, Presbyterian Church of the Master, Elder Session Representative

Return to the Presbytery Office by February 16, 2012. This biographical Information sheet will be copied and provided for all the presbyters at the Presbytery meeting.

Please answer the following four questions with the total length of your answers to be a maximum of one page.

1. How would you describe your “call” to become a commissioner to the 2012 General Assembly?

I have served on multi-national boards in the past with memberships of 50,000+ and understand the processes that are needed to make decisions in these large organizations. The local churches, presbyteries, and denomination are facing difficult challenges to adapt to changing culture of our church. I want to serve God and the church by helping to lead through the larger courts of the church.

2. How do the Scriptures mold your faith?

Actively studying the Bible Scriptures for the past 12 years informally and in dedicated bible study programs has guided me to continually seek to learn how I can serve and be more like Jesus every day.

The Bible has transformed my life by pointing me to Jesus and a relationship with him. I see that I have a choice every day to follow Jesus. I believe that the Bible and our confessions point to the need for a savior who would forgive and remove our sin so that we could be and do what and who God wants us to be.

My faith has made me a better listener, less likely to judge others harshly, and one who prays often.

I believe that we are called to love our neighbors which also means sharing our love and faith with them.

3. What do you see as the most significant issue(s) coming before this year’s general assembly?

Denomination Unity Should be guided by the sole basis of our belief in God's written Word - The Holy Bible both Old and New Testaments in their entirety. Our confessions also help us understand what Scripture means and points us to Jesus.

Common Belief That God’s word was uniquely, verbally and fully inspired and error-free in the original manuscripts. It is the supreme and final authority for faith and life. No interpretation or application should become an issue which hinders the ministry to which God has called us.

Organizational Improvements The church needs to adapt its structures and how it does its work while remaining true to its mission and obedient to Scripture.