

THE PRESBYTERY OF LOS RANCHOS

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

about

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER NOMINEES

NAME: Ed Bush

CHURCH: First Presbyterian Church of Westminster (FPCW)

Local Church Experience:

Have served as an Elder at FPCW since the early 1980's, observing the obligatory term limitations.

Have served as the Moderator of the Christian Education, Personnel, Finance and Mission Committees.

Have taught the New Members Class, Adult Bible Studies, served in the Vacation Bible School Program and sing in the choir.

Have participated in the Mission field in Romania (VBS), on the Gulf Coast of Mississippi (PDA), Texas City, Texas (PDA), Sitka, Alaska (church repair), and Habitat for Humanity in Westminster.

As a member of the Granada Hills Presbyterian Church in the San Fernando Valley, served on the Youth Committee, taught Sunday School, the Communicant's Class and took part in a church-wide event to encourage more congregational participation in the ministries of the church.

Active member of Mariners, and participated in the early development of Care Groups in the church.

Service to the Denomination: (Presbytery and beyond)

Serving Los Ranchos Presbytery as one of two Ruling Elders representing the FPCW. Member of the Committee for the Preparation of Ministry (CPM); in fourth year of service.

Have served as a reader of Ordination Examinations.

In the 1980's sat on a committee that provided oversight to college campus Pastors/Chaplains.

Was an alternate commissioner to the last General Assembly.

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?
In retrospect, I believe God has been preparing me for this “call” since joining the St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Redondo Beach in the mid-1960's. Our family was looking for a church with a strong youth ministry that would help us nurture a Christ-centered focus for our children. He “called” us there.

Since then God has continued to direct my life in ways I could never have expected including taking this step to become a Commissioner to the General Assembly. The other “calls” are cited in the “Local Experience and Denominational Service” that God laid out for me.
2. How do the Scriptures mold your faith?
The Scriptures are God-inspired and inerrant and serve as the foundation on which my life is based. Isaiah 64:8 affirms, “Yes, O Lord, You are the Father, we are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.”
3. How have you sensed God’s call to serve as a commissioner to General Assembly?
Sensing God's call has usually been something that was realized in retrospect. However, being a member of CPM has validated, prospectively, through the experience of working with the committee members with their diligent deliberation, thoroughness of thought and prayerful concern, and especially my associations with Inquirers and Candidates, that serving as a commissioner to General Assembly is His next “call” for me.
4. What do you see as the most significant issue(s) coming before this year’s general assembly?
The most significant issue coming before this year's general assembly will be the future of PC/USA.