

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

NAME: Lance Allen (Teaching Elder)

CHURCH: First Presbyterian Church Santa Ana

Local Church Experience:

Pastor at First Presbyterian of Santa Ana, CA Urban setting / 250 members	2000 – present
Interim Pastor at Christ Presbyterian of Lakewood, CA Suburban community / 150 members	1998 – 2000
Director of Youth and Young Families at St. Mark’s of Newport Beach, CA Beach community / 300 members	1997 – 1998
Director of College Ministry & Youth Music at St. Andrew’s of Newport Bch Beach community / 4,000 members	1985 – 1994

Service to the Denomination: (Presbytery and beyond)

Committee on Ministry (credentials sub-committee for a time)	2005 to 2009
Committee on Preparation for Ministry (chair for three years)	1998 through 2004
Laguna Presbyterian Youth Easter Mission Trip – keynote speaker	2005, 06, 07, 08, 10
First Presbyterian Church of Fullerton Family Camp – keynote speaker	08/2000
Presbyterian Student Fellowship of Tennessee – keynote speaker	11/1998
Korean Association of Princeton Theological Seminary – keynote speaker	11/1996
College Briefing at Forest Home, CA – Planning Committee, Clinician	08/1994
YouthSpecialties West Coast Convention – Clinician	10/1993
Choral Conductors Guild – Chapter President	1992 – 93
Choral Conductors Guild – Board Member	1990 – 92
Singer / Songwriter / Guitarist / Worship Leader	1989 – present

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?
2. How do the Scriptures mold your faith?
3. What do you see as the most significant issue(s) coming before this year’s general assembly?

I joined the PCUSA because I loved the strength of theology and polity. I’ve served at the local level and feel it’s time to serve at the national level. Several colleagues and friends have encouraged me to attend this year’s GA. I’m excited about the possibility of serving my Lord by serving His church.

I believe Scripture to be the inspired Word of God, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ and God’s Word to me. By it, my unrighteousness and unfaithfulness are exposed. And by it, God’s righteousness and faithfulness are revealed. By it, my path is illuminated and my way to following Jesus Christ is made clear. And by it, the church is given her vision and her instructions.

The PCUSA stands on the verge of schism. Many congregations have left the denomination. Many more are prayerfully discussing their options. A New Reformed Body has been launched. What will happen to the Church? How can we exhibit the Kingdom of God to the world during these contentious times? One characteristic that drew me to the PCUSA was the emphasis on reconciliation. I hope we can find an avenue of reconciliation with one another so that we might renew our effort to proclaim the message of reconciliation to the world.

My answer to the fourth question is “chocolate.”