



MUSKINGUM VALLEY PRESBYTERY

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Applicant must complete, sign, and return this form to the MVP Office and must be available to attend the entire conference.

APPLICATION FORM FOR TEACHING ELDER & RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS TO 226th GENERAL ASSEMBLY June 25-27, 2024 ONLINE & June 29-July 4, 2024 to be held at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

CHURCH: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

Have you previously attended GA as a commissioner? _____ Yes ___ No
If you have previously attended, list year(s):

Please use a separate sheet of paper to respond to the following:

- 1.** List experiences which will help you in your role as commissioner:
 - (a)** In the local church
 - (b)** In the Presbytery

- 2.** Why do you want to be a General Assembly commissioner?

- 3.** I have read the *Guidelines for Nominating Commissioners to the General Assembly* and can fulfill these requirements.

Signature of Applicant

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT / ENDORSEMENT BY SESSION

The Session of _____, on this _____ day of _____, 20____, has
acknowledged the application of the above-named individual as nominee for minister / elder
(please circle) commissioner to General Assembly.

Clerk of Session

*Please return this form to:
Nominating Committee
Muskingum Valley Presbytery, PO Box 1479, Ashland, OH 44805
email to: na@mvpresby.org*



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NOMINATION OF TEACHING ELDERS (MINISTER COMMISSIONERS)

1. The Nominating Committee shall place before the presbytery at its December meeting the names of one to be elected Commissioner and one as Alternate to the General Assembly meeting for the following year.
2. These nominees shall be persons who are presently Members of Muskingum Valley Presbytery and meet the following criteria:
 - a. Have been members of Presbytery at least four years.
 - b. Have not attended the General Assembly as a commissioner in the last four years.
 - c. Are actively involved in the life of Presbytery. (Retired and Non-Parish pastors are eligible.)
 - d. Those seeking nomination are to submit a completed application form, with Session acknowledgement (parish pastors only) to the chair of the Nominating Committee. Sessions and Minister Commissioners may determine if this leave time may count as professional development or vacation.
 - e. The Presbytery Committee on Representation may, if it deems appropriate, encourage ministers to submit nominations.
3. Alternates will be selected as carefully as principals. Unless activated as alternates they may be given preference the following year but must apply again.

NOMINATION OF RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS

1. The Nominating Committee shall place before the Presbytery at its December meeting the names of three persons, two to be elected Commissioner and one as Alternate to the General Assembly meeting that same year. The criterion is as follows:
 - a. Any church which has not sent an Elder Commissioner to the General Assembly in the last four years may nominate one person.
 - b. The nominee will be actively involved in the life of the Presbytery and the local congregation for at least four years but need not be presently serving on session.
 - c. The application form, with Session endorsement, must be completed by the applicant and returned to the chair of the Nominating Committee of Presbytery.
 - d. The Presbytery Committee on Representation may, if it deems appropriate, encourage congregations to submit nominations.
2. Alternates will be selected as carefully as principals. Unless activated as Commissioner, they may apply again.

For information:

Appropriate costs (travel, food, and lodging) will be covered by the General Assembly.