



# NOMINATING YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY DELEGATES

*Everything you need to know and do!*

## Fact Sheet

### • Assembly Dates

**October 30 – 31, 2015 Synod of the Northeast Assembly at Silver Bay, NY**

*YAADs are also members of the Synod Mission & Ministries Commission which meet several times during the year. Meetings are held beginning Friday at noon, ending at noon on Saturday*

**June 18 - 25, 2016 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly in Portland, Oregon**

More information may be found on the website <https://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga/>

### • Group Interview Date

Each Youth nominee must be accompanied by a Session elder.

**Tuesday, August 11, 2015 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM**

Presbytery Office 1190 Winton Road South Rochester, NY 14618

### • Criteria

- **General Assembly YAADs**--17 years old by June 18, 2016 and no older than 23 before June 23, 2016
- **Synod YAADs**- 17 years old and no older than 22 on September 22, 2015
- A member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) - *ordination as ruling elder is not necessary*
- A growing and concerned Christian
- A loving critic of the church
- Chosen without distinction by race, life-style, or theological stance
- An ability to articulate his/her views and those of other youth and adults
- A consistent involvement with other youth in a variety of settings
- An ability to work productively with other youth and adults
- Experience conducting himself/herself in a mature manner away from home

### • Expenses

All expenses for travel, housing, and meals are paid for by *per capita* contributions.

### • Nomination Requirements

- **Young Adult Advisory Delegate Nomination Form** signed by Clerk of Session **and Parent of Nominee**, with name of elder who will be accompanying candidate to group interview.
- **A Brief Form of Expression from the Nominee**, describing him/herself and interest in representing the Presbytery of Genesee Valley. Creativity is encouraged! A variety of forms are acceptable: a written statement *or* story, audio *or* video recording, poem, song, drawing, etc.
- The clerk of session must verify that all items are included *otherwise the nomination will not be valid.*
- **Deadline: Friday, August 7, 2015**

### • What is expected of a Young Adult Advisory Delegate?

*It is expected that a YAAD will participate in the following ways:*

1. In conscious-raising, i.e., increasing the sensitivity of the Synod or General Assembly as to how young Christians see and respond to issues and concerns before the Church; and sharpening those issues and concerns that particularly affect youth.
2. As a visible and articulate member of the Synod or General Assembly, contributing to the openness, sensitivity, and faithfulness of the Church.
3. YAADs shall not be elected to the Synod or General Assembly with either a direct or tacit understanding of how they will speak or vote in the assembly or in committee on any pending issue.
4. To seek and contribute to openness, the sensitivity, and the faithfulness of the Church.