

**ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND ADVISORY DELEGATE
TO THE 219TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2010)**

The 219th General Assembly (2010) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will be held from July 3-10, 2010 in Minneapolis, MN. Based upon the total number of congregational and minister members the Presbytery of Grand Canyon is entitled to send two minister and two elder commissioners to the 218th General Assembly. The presbytery is entitled to send one Youth Advisory Delegate. In accordance with the Bylaws, the following four Ministers of Word and Sacrament and four Elders were placed in nomination for election as Commissioners by the Nominations Committee at the November 14, 2009 Stated Meeting:

Minister Commissioner Nominees

Tom Lineweaver
Mary Saylor
David Van Arsdale
Trina Zelle

Elder Commissioner Nominees

Barbara Conti (Desert Hills)
Annabelle Smallcanyon (First, Leupp)
Ronald Fox (Mingus View)
Bob Orff (Orangewood)

After opportunity was given for nominations from the floor, the nominations for Commissioners to the General Assembly were closed.

Election of two Minister Commissioners and two Elder Commissioners to the 219th General Assembly is to take place at the January 16, 2010 Stated Meeting from among those four Minister Commissioner Nominees and four Elder Commissioner Nominees listed above. The Bylaw provisions call for all minister and elder nominees to submit written statements to the Nominations Committee regarding their confession of faith and knowledge of current issues before the denomination. In addition they are asked to answer questions related to their relationship with Jesus Christ and its effect on their life; what they believe to be the role of the church in today's world; and finally why they wish to serve as a General Assembly Commissioner. Documents C-6 and C-7 contain the written statements of the above nominees.

The election to take place at the January 16, 2010 Stated Meeting will be held in accordance with Section B-6.0229 (e) (f) (g) and (h) as outlined:

- e. Each nominee will be given a maximum of three minutes to speak to their written statements. Questions of the nominees from the floor shall not be permitted (emphasis added).
- f. The election of minister commissioners, elder commissioners and for youth advisory delegate shall be by secret ballot after the presbytery has had an opportunity to hear the nominees in person.
- g. Any nominee who receives a majority of votes in the first ballot shall be elected as commissioner. Whatever number of commissioners is to be elected, that number is elected providing those with the highest number of votes receive a majority of the ballots cast. If an insufficient number receive a majority of the ballots cast, then there will be a run-off election between the next ranking candidates whose votes total at least a majority of the ballots cast. Candidates ranked lower than these are eliminated from the run-off.
- h. Alternate commissioners shall be chosen from those nominees who do not receive a majority vote.

Note Regarding Youth Advisory Delegate Nominees: In November a letter was written to Clerks of Session with copies to Pastors/Moderators inviting nominations for Youth Advisory Delegates, with election of nominees to take place at the January 16, 2010 meeting. While the Nominations Committee has heard informally and unofficially that there may be additional nominees, as of the date that information must be posted with the Call to the Meeting, one nomination has been received by the Presbytery Office. Therefore information concerning Youth Advisory Delegate Nominees will be included in the Packet Papers distributed at the January 16, 2010 Stated Meeting.