



Theological Student Advisory Delegates

Theological Student Advisory Delegates (TSADs) have assigned seating in assembly sessions and serve as members of assembly committees. They have voice and vote in their committee, and voice in the business sessions. Their primary responsibilities are to become familiar with the business and to participate in the assembly's deliberations. Their expenses (registration, travel, shared accommodations and meals) are paid by the OGA.

TSADs should plan on arriving in St. Louis by 5:00pm on Friday, June 15, in order to attend an orientation session and dinner. The assembly itself will convene at 11:00am on Saturday, June 16, and adjourns at noon on Saturday, June 23. Commissioners and advisory delegates are expected to attend the entire assembly.

In response to instructions in *The Standing Rules* (B.2.c) to keep the ratio of advisory delegates to commissioners to more than 1:3, the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly has taken several steps, including adopting the following policy on selecting Theological Student Advisory Delegates:

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There shall be a delegation of theological student advisory delegates each year not to exceed 15. Any graduate theological student actively working toward a degree, with at least one post-assembly academic year remaining before graduation may apply to the Stated Clerk for selection. Such a student must be either an inquirer or a candidate in preparation for ministry under care of a presbytery.

Applications to be a TSAD shall be forwarded to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly 180 days prior to the convening of the session of the General Assembly to which they are elected. The Stated Clerk will present these names to the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly for selection, insuring if there are more than 15 applicants, for diversity of region, race, gender and theological institution with priority selection for students enrolled in the theological institutions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Stated Clerk will then transmit to the proper presbytery of jurisdiction the names of the students to be delegates for election. The presbyteries shall then certify the election to the Stated Clerk when completed.

Application link: To apply to be a Theological Student Advisory Delegate to the 223rd General Assembly (2018), please go to the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GA223TSAD>

All applications will be reviewed by the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly and choices will be made and all applicants informed before December 28, 2017.