**ELECTION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SYNOD COMMISSIONERS**

**Commissioners to the General Assembly and the Synod of Living Waters**, as well as alternate commissioners, are to be elected at the November meeting the year prior to their term of service. The Nominating Task Force shall nominate General Assembly commissioners, General Assembly advisory delegates, and Synod commissioners, as well as their alternates, according to the number allotted to the Presbytery by the respective councils. The following criteria for selection for nominees to the General Assembly and the Synod of Living Waters shall be used and published on the Presbytery’s website and to the Presbytery at the August stated meeting.

• Teaching and ruling elders and young adults will ordinarily only be elected once to serve as commissioners to General Assembly or Synod from the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee.

• Teaching elders who have been members of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee for at least seven years.

• Teaching and ruling elders who have a history of active involvement in the work of the presbytery.

• Ruling elders from churches who have not sent a representative as a commissioner to General Assembly or Synod in four years or more.

• A balance between women and men, teaching and ruling elders, and young adults from churches outside the Nashville area and those within the Metro Nashville area.

• Prior General Assembly and Synod alternates, and presbytery moderators, will be given consideration as Commissioners.

• The ability to work effectively with technology and materials from the General Assembly and Synod committees and plenary sessions, understanding that stamina and energy are required.

• The ability to understand and the willingness to communicate the work of the General Assembly and Synod to the Presbytery and the ability to understand and the willingness to communicate the work of the presbytery to the General Assembly and Synod.