

**GA Nominations Application for: Sample application Sample application
 Special Commissions, Committees, Task Forces from the 222nd GA (2016)
 2020 Vision Team - Application Due Date Extended to August 24, 2016**

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Name/Preferred Name	Sample application Sample application
Preferred Mailing Address	Sample application Sample application, KY Sample app
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Occupation	Sample application

Racial Ethnic and Cultural Identity	Bi-racial Multi-racial
<i>Racial Ethnic and Cultural Identity Self Describe</i>	
Gender	O
<i>Gender Self Describe</i>	
Ordination Status	Self-describe
<i>Ordination Status Self Describe</i>	
Disability	Yes
Age Range	<25
Presbytery	Mid-Kentucky
Synod	115 - Living Waters
Member of PC (U.S.A.)	Yes
Congregation Name	None
Theological Diversity	Prefer not to answer
<i>Theological Diversity Comment</i>	

Questions

Please note: No person appointed may serve on more than one committee, commission [or task force] unless otherwise designated by the assembly." (Standing Rules K.1.c.).

Are you currently serving on an ongoing General Assembly level agency, board, commission, or committee?

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The 2020 Vision Team will consist of at-large members and Young Adult Advisory (YAAD) members from the 2016 GA Way Forward Assembly Committee. For which category of membership are you applying?

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Please describe your sense of call to the work of the 2020 Vision Team. What relevant experiences, gifts, and skills will you bring to the Vision Team?

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What is your hope for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)? Please be specific.

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Please share examples of when you have developed and/or implemented a strategic plan or engaged in strategic visioning. What insights are you willing to share?

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What experience have you had serving on administrative commissions?

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Are you aware of the "clusters" identified in "When We Gather at the Table"? Descriptions of the cluster segments are provided below. (You can find more information on PC-Biz -04-Report)

To which segment do you most identify?

a. **Disappointed and Discerning:** Though the name given to this segment might appear to be strong, it truly reflects how they feel: forsaken, abandoned, and for some, held hostage by their denomination. They are the most displeased. This group includes those who either (1) do not like their PC(USA) affiliation but are stuck in the denomination for various reasons, or (2) are conflicted and thinking about leaving the denomination. This segment is mostly conservative, and feels betrayed by recent decisions made at General Assembly, by stands taken by the Office of the General Assembly (OGA) and the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) on social issues, and by their perception that the denomination is hostile toward conservatives in general. They tend to feel that there is little room left for them at the table; that the liberals in the denomination treat them disparagingly. They argue that the denomination is too involved in politics.

b. **Family Facilitators:** These are peacemakers; those who value our theological diversity and would prefer reconciliation between liberals and conservatives. They are generally pleased with the denomination but worry about their brothers and sisters in Christ who are distressed by recent changes. They look to national staff for leadership in resourcing an ongoing dialogue that would help everyone stay in the "family," while also promoting theological diversity and unity within the denomination. Some are frustrated or angry with their sister and brother congregations who have chosen to leave, seeing it as an "easy way out" or placing undue importance on what they perceive to be secondary issues.

c. **Purposeful Progressives:** The largest segment among the participants consists of those who are mostly pleased with the denomination and would prefer that we narrow our focus to claim a more progressive identity both for theological reasons and to gain cultural relevance and our own societal niche. Many in this group feel we need to get more involved in politics and in social action. They are less tolerant of conservative theologies within the denomination. Some remain hopeful that conservatives who are upset with the 221st General Assembly (2014) decisions on marriage will see that there are different ways to interpret scripture, and will choose to stay and accept the changes, over time. Others would simply be happy if the conservatives left the PC(USA), and a few offered suggestions for helping dissenting congregations to leave the denomination with grace and dignity. *"I would like to see PC(USA) be more clear and strong in what it believes. Sometimes I feel it makes decisions almost apologetically. I don't want to have a schism but I think having a clear identity (even if it will change again sometime in the future), own that identity, and be proud of that identity. Name it and claim it!"*

d. **Rooted and Resolute?** This group considers their PC(USA) identity to be very important, but feel the denomination has strayed from the Bible and/or gotten too involved in liberal politics. Though unhappy with recent trends, they appear to have no current plans to leave the denomination, preferring to stay and fight for the denomination they believe in. Some believe liberals are merely a vocal minority with disproportionate control of the denomination, and believe that they can convince the denomination to repent and return to the Bible. They tend to prefer a literal reading of scripture and feel that liberals/progressive Presbyterians will see their error and repent, when they are reminded that they've turned their backs on God. They tend to think that the denomination should not have diverse theologies, though this group is theologically conservative but socially moderate/mixed. They tend to want to return to an earlier time in which they felt that things were better.

e. **Not categorized into a segment:** These are the people who do not easily fit in any of the above categories.

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Although it is not required to be considered for the 2020 Vision Team, the Moderators are interested in knowing if you have taken the Change Style Indicator, Core Values Indicator, Myers-Briggs, StrengthsFinder, or other leadership assessment tool. If you are willing, please share what insights

you gained about your strengths and competencies.

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Please share in which languages are you fluent and proficient?

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Please share your work experience and service to the church.

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Please share your educational background and experience.

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Please provide the name, phone number, and email address of three persons who are willing to serve as references for you.

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Additional Information

Additional Information:	
Additional Documents Uploaded:	0

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The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is committed to the full participation and representation of the rich diversity of the church and its governance. Persons who wish to be considered for service on a special commission, committee, or task force must complete and submit an application for nomination form.

Special commissions, committees, and task forces are appointed by the Moderator(s), unless otherwise designated, in collaboration with the General Assembly Nominating Committee and the General Assembly Committee on Representation. "The Moderator [s] is authorized to fill any vacancies that may occur. No person appointed may serve on more than one committee, commission [or task force] unless otherwise designated by the assembly." (Standing Rules K.1.c.)

Furnishing the requested information is voluntary but refusal to supply the information may make the applicant ineligible for consideration, Names and diversity information of persons who are elected for service are public. Any member, session, presbytery, synod, or entity of the PC(USA) may endorse persons for consideration by the Moderators but only after careful evaluation of the individual's applicable skills and experience as well as their ability to give the required time to the task.