

YOUTH ADVISORY DELEGATES

THE PRESBYTERY OF SHENANGO

A Youth Advisory Delegate is a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), between the ages of 17-23 for the Synod and General Assembly. This person should be an active member in the local church, aware of the issues facing us, mature enough to deal with the responsibilities and freedoms offered by this opportunity, able to participate fully at the YAD orientation meeting and the meeting of the respective body to which they will be sent, and a loving critic of the Church. We expect Youth Advisory Delegates to participate in the General Assembly or Synod process in the following ways:

1. Consciousness raising, i.e., increasing the sensitivity of the General Assembly or Synod as to how young Christians see and respond to issues and concerns before the Church;
2. As visible and articulate members of the General Assembly and Synod;
3. To sharpen the issues and concerns before the Church that affect youth particularly; and
4. To seek and contribute to the openness, sensitivity, and faithfulness of the Church.

Youth Advisory Delegates shall not be elected to the General Assembly or Synod with either a direct or tacit understanding as to how they will speak to either body or vote on any pending subject.

The foregoing statement and following selection procedure were approved by the General Assembly.

1. Each Session shall be notified early by the Presbytery of the opportunity to suggest candidates from the local church.
2. A Youth Advisory Delegate to either General Assembly or Synod shall be nominated by the Session of his or her church **in a manner which includes the participation of the youth of that church.**
3. The Youth Advisory Delegate shall give evidence of an understanding of the meaning of membership in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and shall give evidence of a concern for the mission of the Church.
4. A committee of Presbytery shall review applications and shall interview prospects in person. On the basis of applications and interviews, a principal and two alternatives shall be nominated to Presbytery for election.
5. Youth Advisory Delegates shall be elected by Shenango Presbytery at the February Presbytery meeting.