

The Presbyterian Church in Canada L'Église presbytérienne au Canada



MODERATOR OF THE 2017 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Rev. Peter Bush

August 24, 2017

TO: Clerks of Presbytery
FROM: Stephen Kendall, Clerk of Assembly
RE: Commissioners to the 2018 General Assembly

The 2018 General Assembly is scheduled to convene at Wilfrid Laurier University beginning on Sunday, June 3, 2018 and ending on Wednesday, June 6, 2018.

A motion was adopted at the 2012 General Assembly asking that the Assembly be intentional about enabling a greater representation and participation of the broad diversity of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. You are encouraged to keep this recommendation in mind as you name your commissioners to the 2018 and future Assemblies.

The Assembly Office staff appreciates the work of those presbytery clerks who were so prompt at sending the names of commissioners to the 2017 General Assembly. We would urge all presbyteries to follow this excellent example for the 2018 Assembly. For all presbyteries, with the exception of those in the Synod of Central, Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda, it would be deeply appreciated if you would submit your list of commissioners by not later than January 1, 2018, and earlier if possible. For the presbyteries within the Synod of Central, Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda, the deadline is March 1, 2018, but earlier submission would be appreciated.

Please send the first and last names (with title), address and telephone number of all the commissioners, both ministers and elders. The address submitted should be an address where the individual commissioner wants his/her mailings sent.

A motion was adopted at the 2008 Assembly asking clerks of presbytery to remind commissioners of the importance of their commission and of the expectation that they will attend all the sederunts. The motion was made when it appeared that an unusual number of commissioners sought permission to leave the Assembly prior to its conclusion. While it is understood that unforeseen circumstances may necessitate a change of plans, please remind commissioners that when they accept their commission it should be with the intention of remaining until its scheduled conclusion. The denomination invests significant resources into this gathering. To ensure good stewardship of those resources and fair representation of the breadth of our church, the Assembly requires the discerning presence of all its commissioners at every sederunt.

Thank you for your assistance.

Clerks of Assembly: The Rev. Stephen Kendall and The Rev. Donald Muir