## MODERATOR OF THE 2022 GENERAL ASSEMBLY The Rev. Dr. Robert N. Faris, B.A., M.Div., M.Th., Ph.D.

August 3, 2022

**TO:** Clerks of Presbytery

FROM: The Rev. Victor S.J. Kim, Principal Clerk

**RE:** Commissioners to the 2023 General Assembly

Dear Friend in Christ.

The 2023 General Assembly will be held commencing on June 4, 2023. The location is to be determined. Updates will be communicated to all presbyteries as they become available.

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 2023 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 2022 General Assembly. We would urge all presbyteries to follow this excellent example for the 2023 Assembly. For all presbyteries, it would be deeply appreciated if you would submit your list of commissioners by not later than January 1, 2023, and earlier if possible.

Please send the first and last names (with title and full initials), address, telephone number, email address and the affiliated congregation of each commissioner, both ministers and elders. The addresses submitted should be where the individual commissioner wants their mailing 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 partnership in ministry and may God's blessing be with you.

The Rev. Victor S.J. Kim

Principal Clerk