

National Capital Presbytery Young Adult Advisory Delegate to General Assembly Nomination Form

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This form has been developed following G-4.0400 Diversity and Inclusiveness, to help the Nominating Committee give full expression to the rich diversity within our presbytery.

Date 09-25-09

Name: Laura Scott		
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Local Church: Bush Hill Presbyterian Church		Member Since: 2004
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Year Church was last represented at GA by a Young Adult Advisory Delegate: n/a		
Previous attendance at GA? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If Yes, what year?	What Presbytery?
Young Adult Advisory Delegates must be between 17 and 23 years of age. Year of birth: 1989		

Racial Ethnic Identity:

- Asian-American (AA)
- African-American (AfrA)
- Hispanic/Latino (H/L)
- Middle Eastern (ME)
- Native American (NA)
- Caucasian (C)
- Other (O)

Gender F M

Disability? Y N Is building accessibility a concern? Y N

<p>In the past two years, did you attend Presbytery meetings? ** No</p>
<p>Local Church Involvement (Past and Present) ** During middle school and high school I was heavily involved in the Music Program of the church. I sang in the Teen Choir, participated in the Youth Musical, played handbells, sang solos in worship, and was the only youth who sang with the Adult Sanctuary Choir. I taught children's classes on Sunday mornings and helped with Wednesday Club, our mid-week program for elementary school children. I also provided childcare for numerous meetings and gatherings at our church. I have traveled with the youth to a conference in North Carolina which focused on crossing boundaries in our lives, and also traveled with the youth group to New York City where they worked in soup kitchens and food banks for a week. I participated in Youth Sunday once a year and senior year of high school I was given the opportunity to preach a sermon that I had written on the Body of Christ. While in college, I have participated in the church's college ministry including a mission trip to Philadelphia last winter. This past summer I was employed as the Christian Education Intern. This gave me many opportunities to learn the interworkings of both the youth programs at Bush Hill and the church in general. I traveled on a road trip</p>

retreat with the youth where we participated in various mission work and bible study. During this trip I was also very lucky to be able to receive a tour of both the PC(USA) Headquarters in Louisville and the Louisville Seminary. I assisted in planning that trip along with other youth activities throughout the summer.

Presbytery or other Governing Body experience (Past and Present)

** This past summer I served on the Christian Education Committee.

Special skills, knowledge, expertise in relevant areas and computer competency

** Extensive knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel), Strong customer service, organizational, and leadership skills, Possess excellent public speaking skills, Strong knowledge of Roberts' Rules of Order

Community Involvement (Name no more than three)

** Alpha Sigma Alpha, Theta Gamma Chapter (January 2008 – Present): Recruitment Counselor (September 2009 – Present), Parliamentarian (November 2008 – Present), Risk Management Chairman (November 2008 – Present). Service projects within Alpha Sigma Alpha include volunteering with Special Olympics, Boys & Girls Club, Bark in the Park, EarthFest, and the Sigma Phi Epsilon Golf Tournament for AIDS Research.

**If filling out form manually, use extra pages where necessary.

G-4.0403 "...Persons of all racial ethnic groups, different ages, both sexes, various disabilities, diverse geographical areas, different theological positions consistent with the Reformed tradition...shall be guaranteed full participation and access to representation..."

**To help the Nominating Committee further understand you, briefly describe your theology.
To me, God comes first and foremost. I believe He is above all other things. I believe that His son, Jesus, came to Earth and died for our sins. I believe that God is looking out for me and all of His children. My church family is very important to me and is perfectly not perfect, but in our brokenness God is perfect. Christ brings us together through grace or inspite of our differences for he is the head of the Church and the body. I look to God for guidance in all the things that I do. I trust in Him to lead me on the right path in achieving great things for His Kingdom.

**Please share why you want to represent National Capital Presbytery at the General Assembly.
I would like to represent National Capital Presbytery at the General Assembly because I believe that I could learn many things about how both the local presbyteries and the General Assembly run. I have been raised in the Presbyterian Church, but do not know many things about the governing body of the PC(USA). Attending the General Assembly meeting would help me to expand my knowledge my denomination and how decisions are made. I also believe that representing National Capital Presbytery would give me some additional experiene in working within ministry. Until this past summer I had not considered a job within the church, but after working as the Christian Education intern at Bush Hill, I have expanded my faith and learned many things about the interworkings of the church. This has led me to considering a job in ministry and this opportunity would better allow me to discern this call.

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A Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the General Assembly recognizes the importance of the following responsibilities and is willing to accept each.

- Attendance at preparatory meetings and briefings. (yes)
- Attendance and participation in the General Assembly in its entirety (yes)
- Report to and be a resource within the Presbytery following the General Assembly, and be available for two years thereafter for the purpose of interpreting and assisting in the implementation of actions taken at the General Assembly. (yes)
- Able to use computer before and during GA. (yes)

Signature of Nominee: (Type name if submitting electronically)

Laura Scott

Signature of Moderator or Clerk of Session: (YAADs must be nominated by the Session of their church)

(Type name if submitting electronically)

Dave Stumbaugh

Date of Session Action: 9/28/2009

Please return to Nominating Committee Chair, **Betty Douglass**, ebdouglass@verizon.net or
313 W. Columbia Street
Falls Church, VA 22046

Please provide your picture either digitally or by hard copy

Nomination Deadline: September 30, 2009

Date Received _____

Please provide a Letter of Reference for Laura Scott
Young Adult Advisory Delegate Nominee for General Assembly

As part of the reference, please address the following:

- In what ways has the Nominee demonstrated fairness and willingness to listen to a diversity of views and to learn? see attached
- In your opinion, will Nominee be willing and able to spend the time and energy to study the materials and understand the issues, both before and during the General Assembly? see attached
- In your opinion, will the Nominee be able to effectively communicate what took place at GA?

Signature Jennifer Reiff
(Type name if submitting electronically)

**Please send completed recommendation to the NCP Nominating Committee Chair
Betty Douglass, ebdouglass@verizon.net or
313 W. Columbia Street
Falls Church, VA 22046**

Deadline: September 30, 2009

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Bush Hill Presbyterian Church

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Carl Rush, Pastor

Jennifer Reiff, Director of Family and Adult Ministries

September 28, 2009

Ms Douglass, NCP Committee Nominating Chair:

It is my pleasure to write a reference for Laura Scott to be considered for Youth Advisory Delegate at this year's General Assembly. I serve Bush Hill Presbyterian Church as the Director of Family and Adult Ministries where I have had the opportunity to know Ms. Scott extremely well. I have known Laura for almost nine years as her Youth Leader and now colleague. Because of this, I feel confident in being able to speak of her many talents, outstanding character, and strong leadership which makes her a strong candidate for this advisory delegate role.

It is very hard for me to capture in words everything Laura Scott is in one simple letter of recommendation. Over the years I have been blessed to know Ms. Scott; she has never stopped amazing me with who she is and who she is becoming. At every turn, Laura is consistently challenging herself to stretch and grow to develop into this remarkable young lady. I am often inspired by her willingness to embrace a new experience or to open herself to others in order to learn.

As a youth in the church, Laura was always very involved in youth activities, mission opportunities, and the music program. She was a natural leader among her peers and always went above and beyond to include all people within the church community. Laura embraces diversity and people who think differently from herself. In fact, she gave a sermon her senior year on that very topic, stating how she loved the church because it was a place where all were welcome.

However, Laura is now a junior at Christopher Newport University and is no longer that youth who was at the heart of our youth ministry. It has been an absolute joy to watch Laura begin to blossom into an incredible young woman, one who consistently embraces new opportunities, confidently steps into strong leadership roles with ease, and is beginning to put her arms around a deep, life-changing faith. Laura sought out the opportunity to be a ministry intern at Bush Hill Presbyterian Church this past summer. During those several months, I watched Laura move from being a leader among her peers to a leader among the entire church. Laura pushed herself to grow through challenging experiences while on staff at the church. As an intern, she was dependable, thoughtful, trustworthy, and a tireless hard worker. Laura's experience as intern culminated with an extensive youth summer trip which she co-led. Throughout the summer and finally on this trip, it was clear God's call was becoming louder and louder. As a result, Laura is now considering a career in ministry, specifically within the Presbyterian Church after graduating from college as a Communications Major.

I can't think of a youth better suited to represent our presbytery as Youth Advisory Delegate this summer. I believe Laura Scott would embrace this opportunity, as she has shown so many other times, with grace, maturity, wisdom, and vulnerability. Blessings to you and your committee as you enter into a time of discernment. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further questions or clarifications.

Blessings,

Jennifer Reiff