

## Role of Commissioners

It's worth noting that one is a Commissioner for three years, and there will be annual online recall meetings, likely in October 2022 and 2023.

## Business Process

We will once again be using the process introduced at the 43rd General Council 2018. It has three distinct parts:

1. Listening/learning sessions
2. Discussions in smaller groups
3. Decision-making using reports from a Facilitation Group that has reviewed information from all the discussion sessions.

For a more detailed explanation, see the [GC44 website](#).

## Preparing for the Meeting

The GC44 in-person meeting taking place July 21–25, 2021, in Calgary is two days shorter than GC43 in 2018. One of the ways we'll be adapting to this reduced time is by doing almost all of the listening and learning about proposals **before** gathering in person.

This means that Commissioners are expected to come to Calgary prepared to discuss the items before them without additional time to learn about the themes and proposals.

Every effort will be made to provide Commissioners with the proposals and the background material as early as we can so they have as much time as possible to ask questions and discuss proposals with each other and with other colleagues beforehand.

We will also once again be providing pre-Council webinars and strongly encourage all Commissioners to attend them or watch the recordings afterwards to be as prepared as they can be. While not mandatory, the webinars are part of the General Council experience. Missing them is comparable to not showing up at a session.

Regional councils are encouraged to submit proposals to the 44th General Council in 2020. We hope to have all proposals from regions by spring 2021 at the latest so there is more time for items to be studied and discussed. Listening webinars will start early in 2021 so there is less pressure to fit all of the learning into a short period.

Selection of Commissioners by the end of 2020 is strongly encouraged so they have time to take part in webinars and study the material that will be before the Council, but also so we can help prepare them for their role as Commissioner, or any other role they may be asked to take, such as table or discussion group host, theological reflector, global partner host, and others determined by the Planning Committee.