ELIGIBILITY FOR VOTING ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The short answer for who is eligible to vote on constitutional amendments:

The Discipline gives the right to vote on constitutional amendments to:

- Elders in Full Connection
- Deacons in Full Connection
- Persons elected Elder or Deacon in Full Connection during the clergy session of the current Annual Conference – if their election occurred prior to the vote on Constitutional Amendments
- Lay members to Annual Conference

Listed below are the paragraph numbers for all categories of clergy and what The Discipline says.

**Part-time and Full-time Local Pastors:** Par. 316.6: The membership of local pastors under full-time and part-time appointment is in the annual conference where they shall have the right to vote on all matters except constitutional amendments. . . .

**Retired Local Pastors:** Par. 320.5: Retired local pastors may attend annual conference sessions with voice but not vote.

**Associate members:** Par 321.1: Associate members shall have a right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except the following: (a) constitutional amendments; (b) all matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy.

**Deacons in Full Connection:** Paragraph 329.2: The Deacon in full connection shall have the rights of voice and vote in the annual conference where membership held.

**Elders in Full Connection:** Par. 334:1: Elders in full connection shall have the right to vote on all matters in the annual conference. . .

Those persons voted and approved for ordination as Elder or Deacon in Full Connection: can vote if they have been approved in the clergy session.
**Provisional Members:** Paragraph 327.2: shall have the right to vote in the annual conference on all matters **EXCEPT** constitutional amendments.

**Clergy from other Annual Conferences:** Par. 346.1: Clergy in such appointments may be **granted voice but not vote** in the annual conference to which they are appointed.

**Elders or Ordained Clergy from other Denominations:** Par. 346.2. These persons may be accorded the right to vote in the annual conference on **all matters except** the following: constitutional amendments. . .

The above is also outlined in Par. 602. a, b, c, d, & 602.4

**Lay members to Annual Conference:** Par. 602.6: The lay membership of the annual conference shall participate in all deliberations and vote upon all measures **EXCEPT** on granting or validation of license, ordination, reception into full conference membership or any question concerning the character. . .