

Voting Privileges

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¶ 602. Composition and Character—1. The clergy membership of an annual conference (¶ 369) shall consist of deacons and elders in full connection (¶ 333), provisional members (¶ 327), associate members, affiliate members (¶¶ 344.4, 586.4), and local pastors (¶ 317).³⁰ (See also ¶ 32.)

a. Clergy members in full connection shall have the right to vote on all matters in the annual conference except in the election of lay delegates to the General and jurisdictional or central conferences and shall have sole responsibility for all matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy.³¹

b. Provisional clergy members shall have the right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except constitutional amendments, election of clergy delegates to the General and jurisdictional or central conferences and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy. Provisional clergy members who have completed their educational requirements may vote to elect clergy delegates to General and jurisdictional or central conferences.³²

c. Associate clergy members shall have the right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except constitutional amendments, and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy. When associate members are members of the conference Board of Ordained Ministry, they have the right to vote at clergy session on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy (¶ 635.1). Affiliate clergy members shall have the right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except the constitutional amendments, election of clergy delegates to the General jurisdictional or central conferences, and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy.³²

d. Full-time and Part-time local pastors shall have the right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except constitutional amendments; election of delegates to the General and jurisdictional or central conferences and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy.³³ When local pastors are members of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, they have the right to vote at clergy session on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy (¶ 635.1). Local pastors who have completed course of study or an M. Div. degree and have served a minimum of two consecutive years under appointment before the election may vote to elect clergy delegates to General and jurisdictional or central conferences.

Voting Rights of Clergy & Lay Member to Annual Conference 2016 Book of Discipline

| Voting Items | Full Connection | | | | | Currently Serving | | | | | | | | Other | | | |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--|--|------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|----------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | Laity ¹ | Elder Active/Retired | Deacon Active/Retired | Voluntary Leave | Involuntary Leave | Provisional Members (Met educational requirements) | Provisional Members (Not met educational requirements) | Associate Member Active/Retired | Full-Time/Part-Time Local Pastor (Met educational & service requirements) | Full-Time/Part-Time Local Pastor (Not met educational requirements) | Retired Full-Time/ Part-Time Local Pastor (Met educational & service requirements) | Retired Full-Time/ Part-Time Local Pastor (Not met educational requirements) | Retired Local Pastor | Other Annual Conference ⁴ | Other Denomination | Honorable Location | Affiliate |
| Anything on the Floor of AC | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No ⁷ | No | No ^{5,7} | No | No ⁴ |
| Constitutional Amendments | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| Matters Before Clergy Session | No ² | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | No ⁶ | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| Matters of Ordination & Character & Conference Relations of Clergy | No ² | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | No ⁶ | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| Elect Delegates to General & Jurisdictional Conference ³ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| Relevant 2016 BOD Reference | ¶33 | ¶33, 602 | ¶33 | ¶353.7 | ¶354.8 | ¶327.2 | ¶327.2 | ¶321.1 | ¶316.6 | ¶316.6 | ¶316.6 | ¶316.6 | ¶320.5 | ¶346.1 | ¶346.2 | ¶358 | ¶344.4 |

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- ¹ The lay representative for Campus Ministries and UM related Colleges shall be elected from either their campus ministry board of directors or a student from that ministry/foundation. ¶602.1e
- ² Except for the lay members on the Board of Ordained Ministry
- ³ Laity only vote on Lay Delegates and Clergy only vote on Clergy Delegates
- ⁴ BOM must approve if they have voice but no vote.
- ⁵ Those currently serving under appointment and approved by the BOM are allowed voice but no vote – UNLESS
- educational qualifications are met and approved by BOM
- ⁶ No vote unless they are serving on BOM
- ⁷ Voice but no Vote