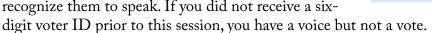# Explanation of Focus Sessions

The focus sessions for the 2023 Pacific Northwest Annual Conference will be hosted on Zoom on Friday, June 2, from 6-8 p.m. (PT), and on Saturday, June 3, from 6-8 p.m. (PT). In the first Zoom meeting, we will engage 11 petitions assigned to Administration Support. During the second, on June 3, we will engage 5 petitions assigned to Connecting for Mission. Immediately after we complete the petitions assigned to Connection for Mission, we will have a forum with the Vitality Commission to discuss their report.
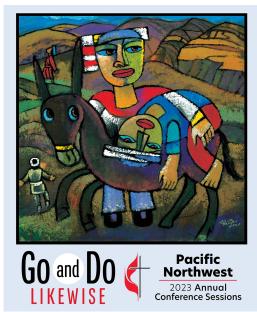
All petitions are available to review in the Recommendations section of the Pre-Conference Handbook. All members are welcome to participate in each.

We will organize our Zoom meeting to try to emulate an in-person gathering to the best of our ability. The chat feature will be turned off, and all participants will be muted. If a participant wants to be recognized by the chair, they will use the raise hand feature in Zoom.

Voting on recommendations will use the polling feature on Zoom. If amendments to recommendations are presented, the raise hand feature will be used to assess if an amendment passes or fails. Amendments require a simple majority to pass. The chair can call for a poll to ascertain if an amendment passes or fails.

Members with voice but no vote are asked not to participate in either polls or hand votes unless otherwise directed by the chair. The chair can recognize them to speak. If you did not receive a six-digit voter ID prior to this session, you have a voice but not a vote.

Per our conference rules (V, Sec. 4, c, 2.), recommendations that receive 90% or more of the vote of the Focus Session, excluding abstentions, will be placed on a consent calendar for the plenary session. This does not apply to recommendations regarding the budget or church closures.

To make sure that you can participate fully, please make sure that you have recently updated Zoom (more info). If you already have the Zoom desktop client installed, you can check for updates:

1. Sign-in to Zoom desktop client.
2. Click you profile picture then click **Check for Updates**.