

Who has Voice and Vote at Annual Conference

If a person is not included in a category listed below, and if no further documentation can be provided, it can be assumed the person in question does NOT have voice or vote at Annual Conference.

¶346.2 in clergy accepted from other denominations

When to BOM certifies that their credentials are at least equal to those of United Methodist elders, they may be accorded the right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except the following: (a) constitutional amendments; (b) election of delegates to the general and jurisdictional or central conferences; (c) all matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of ministers. ... shall not be eligible for election as delegates to the General, jurisdictional, or central conferences.

¶334.5 Clergy who are retired, on incapacity leave, or on sabbatical leave may at their own initiative apply to the conference BOM for affiliate membership in the annual conference where they reside. By a 2/3 vote of the executive session, such clergy may be received with rights and privileges, including service on conference boards, agencies, task forces, and committees, with voice but without vote. Voting membership shall be retained in the clergy member's home annual conference for the duration of affiliate membership relationship. Such persons may serve on the board, agency, task force or committee of only one annual conference at any one time.

¶602.1.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.

¶602.1.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.

¶602.1.c Associate and affiliate 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. When associate members are members of the BOM, they have the right to vote at clergy session on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy.

¶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, election of delegates to general, jurisdictional, or central conferences, and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy.

¶318.5 Local pastors may serve on any board, commission, or committee with voice and vote, except on matters of clergy character, qualifications, status, and ordination. However, local pastors

who have completed the Course of Study may serve on the DCOM with voice and vote. Full-time local pastors who have completed the Course of Study may serve on the BOM with voice and vote.

¶602.1.d Full time and part time local pastors under appointment to a pastoral charge 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. When local pastors are members of the Conference BOM, they have the right to vote at clergy session on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy.

Per Conference Rules: Local pastors serving churches are eligible for committee assignments and committee and floor participation (602.1)

¶271 **Certified Lay Ministers**, no mention of vote

¶271 .6 The certified lay minister is a lay person and as such is not eligible for support by equitable compensation funds or pension... [Reading this one would assume that in matters of voting CLM's fall into the same categories as other lay persons, either as lay members of AC or of the local church.]

Conference Rules II. Membership Sec. 3 *includes* (21) **Certified Lay Ministers** who are assigned to service in local churches of our conference

¶602.6 **Lay members** of the annual conference shall participate in all deliberations and vote upon all measures except on the granting or validation of license, ordination, reception into full conference membership, or any question concerning the character and official conduct of ordained ministers, except those who are lay members of the BOM and committee on investigation. Lay members shall serve on all committees except those on ministerial relations.

¶602.9 The following shall be seated in the annual conference and shall be given the privilege of the floor without vote: **official representatives from other denominations**, especially from member churches of Churches Uniting in Christ, invited by the annual conference; **missionaries** regularly assigned by the GBGM and serving within the bounds of the annual conference; **lay missionaries** regularly appointed by the GBGM in nations other than the US and certified lay missionaries from nations other than the US serving within the bounds of the annual conference.

¶602.10 If not otherwise a voting member of AC the **Conference Chancellor** shall be seated in the AC and shall be given the privilege of the floor without vote.

Conference Rules II. Membership Sec. 3 (i) Any lay person, not a member of the Annual Conference, who is an officer of the Annual Conference or one of its agencies, boards, commissions, committees, or societies shall be entitled to the privilege of the floor without vote on matters relating to the report of the said agency, board, commission, committee, or society.