

# 2026 AC YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT VOTING MEMBERS FAQ's

## **SO WHAT DOES AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MEMBER DO?**

Valuing the voices of Young People, our Annual Conference (AC) has made space for 5 youth and 5 young adults from each district to serve as full voting members of the AC. They attend worship, have voice and vote in the plenary, and participate in other things as other members of the AC do.

## **WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS?**

That they be available from the start of the Annual Conference 9 AM PT on Tuesday, June 23rd through mid-day on Thursday, June 25th. Youth attending in person: arrival time is 4 PM PT on Monday, June 22, for an in-person youth orientation and check-in at the hotel with the youth Chaperone Team.

## **What does it mean to be a lay member of the Annual Conference?**

District youth or young adult equalization members have the same responsibilities as any other member of the Annual Conference. [The Lay Member Resource Page](#) provides more information about the Annual Conference Session and the responsibilities of a lay member.

## **ARE THERE EXPENSES I NEED TO PAY?**

No. The Annual Conference will provide for registration and hotel/food, if in person. Please remember to bring some extra money for any incidental things.

## **IS IT ANY FUN?**

Sure! You'll meet other people who are passionate about their church. While a good number of the other AC members may be older than you, you will have great opportunities to worship and serve together and share equally in responsibility for helping to guide the church.

## **WHERE DO I SLEEP?**

Housing for youth and young adults attending in-person will be at the **Holiday Inn Express** in Spokane Valley. There will be adult chaperones to supervise the youth members. The youth coordinator will send more information regarding housing to you closer to the event.

## **WHO CAN BE A YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MEMBER?**

Youth must be 12-18 years old at the time of the Annual Conference and be active participants and members of a church or Ministry in the PNW Conference. Young Adult applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 30 at the time of the Annual Conference and be active participants and members of a church or Ministry in the PNW Conference.

## **HOW DO I APPLY & WHO MAKES THE DECISION?**

PNW Conference: Complete the online Youth or Young Adult District Member Application. Members represent the districts they belong to. The members are picked by a consultation between the District Superintendent and the staff of the Office of Connectional Ministries. If you are accepted, you will receive more information by the end of May.

## **WHEN WILL I HEAR IF I HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED?**

If you are accepted, you will receive more information by the end of May.

*Want to suggest a new FAQ question? Please email [Ttobey@pnwumc.org](mailto:Ttobey@pnwumc.org)*

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