



## **Clergy Eligibility for Election as General or Jurisdictional Conference Delegates**

"The clergy delegates to the General and to the jurisdictional or central conference shall be elected from the clergy members in full connection." 2016 BOD ¶ 35 Article IV.

Clergy **WHO ARE** eligible to serve as delegates:

- Clergy members (elders and deacons) in full connection (¶ 602.1.a) this includes clergy on sabbatical leave (¶ 351), voluntary leave of absence (¶ 353.7), family leave (¶ 353.7), transitional leave (¶ 353.7) or medical leave (¶ 356) as well as retired clergy.
- Clergy elected to full connection by the current Clergy Session, prior to their ordination.

Clergy **WHO ARE NOT** eligible to serve as delegates:

- Provisional Members
- Associate Members
- Local Pastors (Full-Time and Part-Time)
- Those on Involuntary Leave of Absence or Suspended
- Those on Honorable Location or Administrative Location

## **Clergy Eligibility to Vote on General or Jurisdictional Conference Delegates**

Clergy **Who ARE** eligible to vote on delegates:

- Clergy members (elders and deacons) in full connection (¶ 602.1.a) this includes clergy on sabbatical leave (¶ 351), voluntary leave of absence (¶ 353.7), family leave (¶ 353.7), transitional leave (¶ 353.7) or medical leave (¶ 356) as well as retired clergy.
- Provisional members who have obtained their M.Div. degree. This includes those approved for commissioning and voted into provisional membership during the clergy session.
- Local Pastors who have obtained their M.Div. degree or completed the course of study and have served for two consecutive years under appointment. (July 1, 2017)

Clergy **WHO ARE NOT** eligible to vote on delegates:

- Clergy from other conferences or denominations.
- Clergy on Honorable Location (¶ 358.2) or Administrative Location (¶ 359.3).
- Clergy on Involuntary Leave of Absence (¶ 354.8).
- Local pastors who have not served two consecutive years under appointment or have not completed the course of study or have not obtained an M.Div. degree.