



Laity Voting Rights – General

¶ 602.6 *The 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 Board of Ordained Ministry and committee on investigation. Lay members shall serve on all committees except those on ministerial relations.*

Laity **ARE** eligible to vote for:

- All the business of annual conference with the exception of those matters listed below.

Laity **ARE NOT** eligible to vote for:

- Matters related to ministry including license, ordination, conference membership, clergy character and conduct, unless serving as lay members to the Board of Ordained Ministry.

Laity Eligibility for Election as General or Jurisdictional Conference Delegates

¶ 36. *Article V. The lay delegates to the General and jurisdictional or central conferences shall be elected by the lay members of the annual conference or provisional annual conference without regard to age, provided such delegates shall have been professing members of The United Methodist Church for at least two years next preceding their election, and shall have been active participants in The United Methodist Church for at least four years next preceding their election, and are members thereof within the annual conference electing them at the time of holding the General and jurisdictional or central conferences.*

Laity who **ARE** eligible to serve as delegates:

- Laity who have been active in The United Methodist Church for at least four years and held membership in a local church for at least two years, prior to election.

Laity who **ARE NOT** eligible to serve as delegates:

- Laity who have not been active in The United Methodist Church for at least four years and have not held membership in a local church for at least two years, prior to election.