

Terms

Alternate Member: One who is elected to serve should the member of their congregation be unable to attend or participate in Annual Conference.

Bar (of the Conference): The boundaries that define the area in which votes for Annual Conference matters may be cast.

Building Beloved Community Reflections: Provided by CORR and COSROW reminding us of our diversity and inclusion.

Consent Calendar: Groupings of legislation addressed in legislative sections that receive at least 80% of votes for approval or 80% of votes disapproving. The consent calendar is placed before the body at least two hours before action is taken on this grouping of legislation.

Daily Proceedings: Order of business while we are together as an Annual Conference.

Delegate: One is elected as a delegate to General or Jurisdictional Conference.

Legislative Sections: All members to annual conference are assigned to a legislative section where they vote on assigned documents to build the AC consent calendar.

Member: One is a clergy or lay member of Annual Conference.

Motion: The way the Conference acts on legislation. For example, should someone want to amend a piece of legislation that is before the Annual Conference, you would seek the Bishop's attention and state "I move we amend ____" (**filling in the blank with the way they would like to see the document amended. Amendments are also needed in writing**). If that motion is seconded, it would be brought before the Conference for action.

North Central Jurisdiction: The Northern Illinois Annual Conference is part of the North Central Jurisdiction, which includes the conferences of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Every four years the North Central Jurisdiction and other jurisdictional conferences meet to discuss and vote to elect new bishops, converse about matters of the Jurisdiction, worship, and fellowship together.

Order of the Day: The agenda as agreed upon by the Annual Conference and established by the Chair of Daily Proceedings in consultation with the Bishop.

Organizing Motions: Motions made at the beginning of our work so that we all know what the agreed upon rules for working together are, for example: where people with a vote are allowed to sit, where people without a vote are allowed to sit (there are other rules as well).

Plenary: The plenary comprises all members entitled to be seated within the bar of Annual Conference.

Point of Order: A call to attention to make sure that the correct procedure is being followed.

Robert's Rules of Order: Rules by which we have agreed to function as we meet. A motion needs a second in order for it to be voted upon, etc. so that there is a method to our work together.

Second: Someone agrees with the motion and desires the body proceed to work with motion.

Acronyms

ABLC – Appointed Beyond the Local Church
ACST – Annual Conference Shepherding Team
ACC – Annual Conference Committee
BBCR - Building Beloved Community Reflections
BMCR – Black Methodists for Church Renewal
BOD – Book of Discipline
BOL – Board of Laity
BOOM – Board of Ordained Ministry
CBOP – Conference Board of Pensions
CCUIR – Conference Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships
CCFA – Conference Council on Finance and Administration
CLM – Certified Lay Minister
CLS - Certified Lay Servant
CCORR – Conference Commission on Religion and Race
CodeRED - Committee on Congregational Development and Redevelopment
CONAM - Committee on Native American Ministries
COSROW – Commission on Status and Role of Women
DCOM – District Committee on Ordained Ministry
DS – District Superintendent
DST – District Shepherding Team
FAA – Fellowship of Asian Americans
GBCS – General Board of Church and Society
GBGM – General Board of Global Ministries
GBHEM – General Board of Higher Education and Ministry
GBOD – General Board of Discipleship
GCAH – General Commission on Archives and History
GCSRW – General Commission on Status and Role of Women

GCFA – General Council on Finance Administration
GCORR – General Commission on Religion and Race
ICD – Institute for Congregational Development
LN - Lake North District
LS - Lake South District
MARCHA – The Methodist Association Representing the Cause of Hispanic Americans
MFSA – Methodist Federation for Social Action
NIC – Northern Illinois Conference
NCJ – North Central Jurisdiction
NIJFON – Northern Illinois Justice for Our Neighbors
OAM – Older Adult Ministries
ORM – Outdoor and Retreat Ministries
PC - Prairie Central District
PN - Prairie North District
PS - Prairie South District
SR – Standing Rules
UMC – United Methodist Church
UMCOM – United Methodist Communications
UMCOR – United Methodist Committee on Relief
UMF – United Methodist Foundation
UMM – United Methodist Men
UMGAF – United Methodist Global AIDS Fund
UMPH – United Methodist Publishing House
UMRC – United Media Resource Center
UWFaith – United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women)
VIM – Volunteers in Mission

