



Secretary of the General Conference

The United Methodist Church

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Secretaries of Annual Conferences

Grace and Peace in this Season of Advent

As you prepare for the upcoming annual conference sessions, among the items of business that must be considered are the proposed constitutional amendments for ratification. There are four (4) of them based on the particular actions of the 2020/2024 General Conference.

This educational document is provided as a draft of the proposed constitutional amendments. This unedited document can be shared throughout your annual conferences, so that members of the annual conference (lay and clergy) will be more informed in preparation for the ratification vote.

As a note or reminder, these four (4) items related to the constitutional amendments may be debated but may not be amended. These items will be handled as four (4) separate ballots/votes. The means an annual conference decides to gather the votes is at the discretion of each annual conference (examples include paper ballots, electronically, hand vote, etc.), but there should be strong consideration for equity, accessibility, and count accuracy. The number of persons voting “yes” and the number of persons voting “no” will be recorded and submitted on an official certification of action.

A separate email will be sent on or around January 15, 2025, which contains the official certificate of action with the corresponding instructions for a timely submission. The results from the vote should be sent as soon as possible after the closing of your annual conference session, as the canvassing is scheduled to conclude by October 31, 2025.

As we celebrate JOY being birthed into the world, we as The United Methodist Church are preparing our hearts and minds for the ways our Church is bringing about new life for the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for all you do, and the attention you will provide to this matter.

Blessings,

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