

DISCIPLINARY INFORMATION

2016 GENERAL AND SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE DELEGATIONS

Delegates from the NC Conference to the 2016 General Conference and the 2016 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference are to be elected at 2015 session of the NC Conference. The election will be held in accordance with Paras.34-36 of the Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church. THE NC ANNUAL CONFERENCE WILL BE ELECTING EIGHT (8) CLERGY DELEGATES, AND EIGHT (8) LAY DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, PLUS - EIGHT (8) CLERGY DELEGATES AND EIGHT (8) LAY DELEGATES TO THE SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE, PLUS - FIVE (5) RESERVE/ALTERNATE CLERGY, AND FIVE (5) – RESERVE/ALTERNATE LAY DELEGATES, MAKING A TOTAL OF 21 CLERGY AND 21 LAY DELEGATES.

Par.34. Article III. – The annual conference shall elect clergy and lay delegates to the General Conference and to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference in the manner provided in this section, Articles IV and V. The persons first elected up to the number determined by the ratio for representation in the General Conference shall be representative of that body. Additional delegates shall be elected to complete the number determined by the ratio for representation in the Jurisdictional or Central Conference, who together with those first elected as above, shall be delegates in the Jurisdictional or Central Conference, shall in the order of their election be the reserve delegates to the General Conference. The Annual Conference shall elect reserve clergy and lay delegates to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference as it may deem desirable. These reserve clergy and lay delegates to the Jurisdictional or Central Conferences may act as reserve delegates to the General Conference when it is evident that not enough reserve delegates are in attendance at the General Conference.

Par.35. Article IV. - The Clergy Delegates to the General and the Jurisdictional or Central Conference shall be elected from the clergy members IN FULL CONNECTION. (In other words, according to Judicial Council Decision 1181: “ The persons who are eligible to cast ballots as electors in choosing the clergy delegates to the General Conference, the jurisdictional conference, or the central conference, are (a) the persons who are eligible for election [i.e., Elders in Full Connection Active and Retired, and Deacons in Full Connection Active and Retired], (b) the associate members {Active and Retired}, (c) the provisional members who have been judged by the annual conference to have completed the educational requirements and have been elected to provisional membership, and (d) the local pastors who have met two criteria: they have, by either of two options as determined by the annual conference, completed the constitutionally specified level of education; and they have been appointed by the bishop, and served for two consecutive years, immediately preceding the election, during which time no withdrawal of the appointed status has occurred.”

Par.36. Article V – The lay delegates to the General and the Jurisdictional or Central Conference shall be elected by the lay members of the annual conference or provisional annual conference without regard to age, provided such delegate shall be 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 or jurisdictional or central conferences.

THE ELECTION OF JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES IS GOVERNED BY PAR. 514.

Par. 514: - The membership of each jurisdictional conference shall consist of an equal number of clergy and lay delegates elected by the annual conference as provided in the Discipline of the United Methodist Church. Consideration shall be given to electing an inclusive delegation. The numbers of delegates to which an annual conference is entitled shall be twice the number of the General Conference delegates, except when the application of that formula results in a total number of delegates less than 100. In that event, the Secretary of the General Conference shall adjust the number of delegates to a jurisdictional conference in the same proportion among the annual and missionary conferences of the jurisdiction to achieve a total of 100 ensuring that no missionary conference shall be represented by fewer than four delegates.