

## ELECTRONIC VOTING INFORMATION

We will use electronic devices at Annual Conference 2015 to vote for delegates to the 2016 General and Jurisdictional Conference. We will be electing eight (8) lay delegates and eight (8) clergy delegates, to represent us at the General Conference; and, eight (8) additional lay delegates and eight (8) additional clergy delegates to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference; plus five (5) alternate lay and five (5) alternate clergy delegates. We will also use the devices for other votes during the procedure of the annual conference.

### Registration Process

Four-digit numbers have been assigned to the Full Elders and Full Deacons and this listing is posted online at the annual conference webpage and will be included in the AC Registration packets. Clergy may also fill out information forms on the annual conference website.

According to [...citation...] in the *Book of Discipline*, all laity who are [...qualifications...] are eligible to be elected to be General and/or Jurisdictional Conference delegates. In order to elect these delegates with the electronic voting system, there will be a registration system for eligible laity that will assign them a four digit number. The listing of currently registered lay nominees will be posted on or before June 1. There will also be opportunity at the beginning of annual conference for eligible laity to be registered from the floor and a four digit number assigned by the conference secretary.

### Voting Process

Once you have arrived at the Wilmington Convention Center, register for Annual Conference in the River Concourse lobby. Then proceed to the electronic voting desk to pick up your keypad. Every handset will be tested before the conference. If your handset does not turn on or does not show the word Received in the display to confirm that your vote has been tabulated, go to the help desk and your handset will be replaced with a new one.

The color dot on your handset will indicate your voting group: BLUE for the LAITY; and RED, YELLOW, AND GREEN for the CLERGY (depending on the clergy person's ministry relationship). You will be able to vote ONLY on questions for which you are eligible. Only the keypads that are required for the current vote will be activated.

Before elections begin, we will have a tutorial and test votes. Voting typically happens in this way: the Bishop announces the start of a vote. You will be given 30 seconds to vote. The last vote showing on your handset will be counted. When the 30 second interval is over, the bishop will announce that the vote is complete and the results. If you choose to not participate in a vote, do not press any buttons.

In the first round of voting, the bishop will announce the start of a vote. You will enter the four digit number of the person whom you want to elect. Once you have entered a number on your keypad, press the send button, your selection will be wirelessly transmitted to a computer that will record all votes and tabulate the final results of each ballot. To change your vote, simply vote again. The last vote

showing on your handset will be counted. These results will be checked by the parliamentarian after each ballot, and then announced by the presiding officer. All of your votes will remain private.

Laity and clergy who receive fewer than ten (10) votes on a ballot vote, will not be carried forward for the next ballot. However, in subsequent ballots, a nominee could be brought back into contention, if they receive ten (10) or more votes on a ballot. An election is made if a nominee receives a simple majority of valid votes cast. Once a person is elected, their name and number are removed from the listing, and the voting continues, until the complete delegation roster is attained.

#### *Returning the Handset*

Place your handset in the box by the exit when you leave the conference for home. If you forget to turn in your handset, we will follow-up with you after the conference and ask you to return it. If the handset is misplaced, lost, and/or not returned, you will be responsible for the replacement cost of the handset.

If you have any questions regarding voting or procedures, please contact a teller or visit the help desk in the Exhibit hall.