

Voting for NCC Delegates To The 2012 General and Jurisdictional Conferences

The NCC will elect the following for 2012 GC/SEJ Conferences: (During AC 2011, June 15-18, 2011)

Laity Delegates: GC – 9: SEJ – 9: Alternates – 5

Clergy Delegates: GC - 9: SEJ – 9 : Alternates – 5

Voting will be accomplished by electronic voting devices, the OptionFinder G3 Keypads. Conference Members will be issued a device at Registration Time, June 15. Instruction on how to use the devices will be led by OptionTechnologies Interactive, and our bishop. The crew from OptionTechnologies will be present through the sessions of the conference to guide and assist us.

LAY MEMBERS WILL VOTE FOR LAY NOMINEES. Laity who are members of a local UMC within the bounds of the NCC for at least 2 years, and active for 4 years are eligible to serve as Delegates to GC/SEJ Conferences. Lay members under 18 years of age can serve as delegates.

Clergy Members, Full Elders and Full Deacons (active and retired), Associate Members (active and retired) provisional members who have completed all educational requirements (M.Div. or Course of Study), local pastors who have completed Course of Study or M.Div., and have served a minimum of two consecutive years under appointment, immediately preceding the election, can vote for clergy nominees.

ONLY FULL DEACONS AND FULL ELDERS CAN BE NOMINATED AND SERVE AS ELECTED CLERGY DELEGATES TO GC/SEJ.

Nomination Forms for Laity and Clergy have been available online, since August 2010. These forms will be available thru May 2, 2011. The Forms may be submitted by those Lay Members and Clergy Members (Full Deacons and Full Elders) who are interested in serving in the delegate capacity. These Submitted Nomination Forms will provide us with our Nominees Pool on whom we will vote. A worksheet will be provided, whereby one can keep track of the voting and election of delegates as the conference is led through the voting process by our bishop. The first voting will be on Wednesday, June 15, in the afternoon session. Subsequent voting sessions will be at the discretion of the presiding officer, our bishop. The listing of the nominees will be online, and in paper format listed alphabetically, and with a number assigned. The worksheet will be distributed at registration. That number will be used for the candidate throughout the process. If one is elected, the name and number will be deleted from the listing.

Anyone submitting a nomination form to the Conference Secretary after May 2, 2011, must have at least 10 supporting endorsees sign the form. The name will be added to the nominee worksheet and number assigned, however there will be no biographical information made available, regarding these late nominations, due to time constraints. These procedures will allow for ballot preparation and voting process at the time of annual conference. Any questions can be addressed to the conference secretary, jlbryan@nccumc.org, 1.919.779.6115; 1.800.849.4433.

