

Voting Guideline

Lay Members of the Annual Conference (and alternates)

Who you are: -Elected at each church's charge conference.

-At-large lay delegates

May vote on all the issues except for the matters in the clergy session and election of clergy delegates to the General Conference.

Elect lay delegates to the General Conference

Supply Pastor (§512.4)

Full voice, no vote

Valid Deacon/Elder (§517.2)

Can vote on all matters except for:

- a) Constitutional amendment
- b) Election of delegates to General Conference
- c) All matters of ordination character, and conference relations of ministers.

Transitional Local Pastor under Appointment (§521.2.b, §708.1)

Full voice and vote on all matters except the ordination and conference relations of deacons and elders.

Can vote for General Conference delegates.

Deacons (§509. 3)

- Active (under appointment) deacons---Full voice and vote on all matters except the ordination and conference relation of elders.
- Inactive (not serving under appointment)---No vote

Elders (§510.2)

- Active ---Full voice and vote on all matters
- Inactive (not serving under appointment) —No vote

Senior Status (§520)

- Active ---Full voice and vote if they fulfill either of the following conditions
 - a) Within seven years of the effective date of their aligning with the GMC or the end of their last appointment (whichever is later)
 - OR
 - b) Under appointment by the bishop for at least ¼ time
- If not qualifying under a) or b)---Voice but no vote.