

VOTING RIGHTS OF CLERGY MEMBERS & LAY MEMBERS TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

¶ references from Book of Discipline 2020/2024

BADGE COLOR	GREEN	LIGHT GREEN	ORANGE	BLUE	BLUE	LIGHT BLUE	VIOLET	LIGHT VIOLET	PINK OR GRAY	GOLD	RED	WHITE
MEMBERS & RELATIONSHIP	Elders & Deacons in Full Connection (Active, Retired, All Leaves Except Involuntary Leave) [FE, FD]	Elders & Deacons in Full Connection on Involuntary Leave of Absence [FE, FD – INV]	Provisional Elders & Deacons (all Cal-Pac Provisional Members have met educational requirement) [PE, PD]	Associate Members (Active, Retired) [AM]	Full-time or Part-time Local Pastors (^meets educational & service requirement) [FL, PL]	Full-time or Part-time Local Pastors (has not met educational or service requirement) [FL, PL]	Members of other Annual Conferences or denominations appointed here, including Affiliate Members [AF, OE – A, OD – A, OP – A, OL – A, OF -- A] [Voice but no vote]	Members of Other Denominations appointed in this conference [OF – A] [Vote if approved by BOM]	Observers (Retired Local Pastors, Board & Agency Members, Lay Representative from Emerging Congregations, Conference Staff) [Voice but no vote]	Lay Members elected by local churches, Wesley Foundations, districts, in specified leadership roles in districts / conference, or nominated by Cabinet	Active or Retired Deaconesses & Home Missioners (IV.A.3), and Active or Retired Diaconal Ministers	Lay Persons Assigned (unless elected Lay Member), former Clergy Members on Honorable or Administrative Location, Spouses, Guests, Vendors, and other Guests or local church members.
VOTING ITEMS												
Conference Legislation	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO (*YES if approved by BOM & requirements met)	NO	YES	YES	NO
Constitutional Amendments	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO
Clergy Matters: Ordination, Character, Conference Relations	YES	YES	NO	NO (YES if on BOM)	NO (YES if on BOM)	NO (YES if on BOM)	NO	NO	NO	NO (YES if on BOM)	NO (YES if on BOM)	NO
Other Matters before Clergy Session	YES	YES	NO	NO (YES if on BOM)	NO (YES if on BOM)	NO (YES if on BOM)	NO	NO	NO	NO (YES if on BOM)	NO (YES if on BOM)	NO
Elect Delegates to General & Jurisdictional Conference	YES (Clergy Delegates)	*NO	YES (Clergy Delegates)	YES (Clergy Delegates)	YES (Clergy Delegates)	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES (Lay Delegates)	YES (Lay Delegates)	NO
Relevant BOD Reference	¶33, ¶1602, ¶353.7	¶354.8 ¶33, ¶1602, ¶355.9	¶327.2, ¶1602.1b	¶1321.1, ¶1602.1c	¶1317.6, ¶1602.1d	¶1317.6	¶1346.1, ¶1344.4, ¶1318.4	¶1346.2	¶320.5, Conf Rules IV.A.5-7, V.D.3	¶133, ¶1602.1e	¶133, ¶1602.2, ¶1602.4	

^ ¶1317.6: Educational & Service Requirements for local pastors to vote on Delegates: Completed Course of Study or Master of Divinity degree + Served a minimum of two consecutive years under appointment prior to the election.

* ¶1355.9: Clergy on Involuntary Leave of Absence shall not be delegates to general and jurisdictional conferences or vote on other clergy delegates.

* ¶1346.2: If approved by Board of Ordained Ministry, may be accorded the right to vote on all matters except constitutional amendments, election of delegates to General or Jurisdictional Conferences, all matters or ordination, character, and conference relations of ministers.