

# Voting Rights

## Who Can Vote When

Your name tag indicates your voting status at Plenary Sessions. Please wear your name tag in a visible location during these sessions. All lay and clergy members of the Annual Conference have the right to speak on all matters before the Conference.

Voting privileges are as follows:

	Recommendations & Conference Business	Elections for clergy delegates to the General, Jurisdictional and Central Conference(s)	Elections for lay delegates to the General, Jurisdictional and Central Conference(s)	Constitutional Amendments	Matters of ordination, character and conference relations of clergy
Clergy Members in full connection (¶602.1a)	●	●		●	●
Provisional Clergy Members who have not completed all educational requirements (¶602.1b)	●				
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Associate Clergy Members (¶602.1c errata)	●	●			†
Affiliate Clergy Members (¶602.1c errata)	●				
Full- and Part-time Local Pastors under appointment to a pastoral charge who have not completed Course of Study or an M.Div. degree (¶602.1d)*	●				†
Local Pastors who have completed Course of Study or an M.Div. degree and have served a minimum of two consecutive years under appointment before the election (¶602.1d errata)	●	●			†
Elders or Ordained Clergy from other denominations serving under appointment within the Annual Conference (¶346.2)	●				
Lay Members: Elected Members representing congregations, Members by Virtue of Office, At-large Members as designated by districts, Youth Members (¶602.4)	●		●	●	‡
Alternate Lay Members, when seated in place of lay member (¶602.7)**	●		●	●	
Missionaries regularly assigned by the GBGM in nations other than the US & Certified Lay Missionaries from nations other than the US serving within the bounds of the Annual Conference (¶602.9)	○				
Conference Chancellor if not otherwise a voting member (¶602.10)	○				
Ordained Clergy or Provisional Members from other Annual Conference and Other Methodist Denominations (¶346.1)	○				
Retired Local Pastors (¶320.5)	○				
Visitors, with majority approval of Annual Conference Members	○				

● Voting Privilege

○ Voice without vote

† If also a member of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, they may vote at Clergy Session

‡ If also a lay member of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry and/or Committee on Investigation (¶602.6)

\* No Local pastor shall be eligible as a lay member or alternate (¶251.2)

\*\* Please remember that only alternate members elected by their charge conference may be seated at annual conference (¶251.2)

