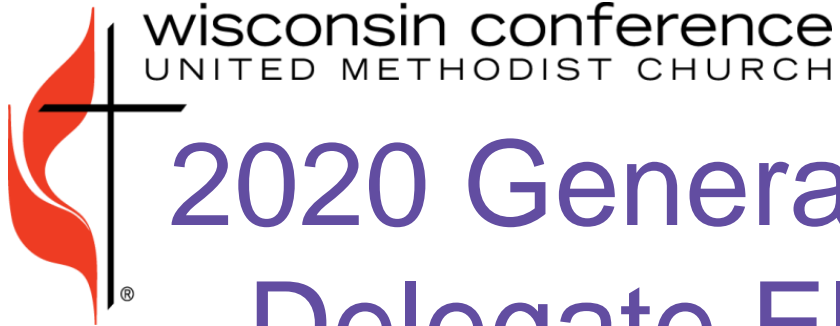


Pre-Conference 2019



2020 General & Jurisdictional Delegate Election Process

Elections to be held at the 2019 Session
of the Wisconsin Annual Conference:

June 14-17, 2019

KI Convention Center, Green Bay, WI

General Conference 2020

- **May 5-15, 2020 in Minneapolis, Minnesota**
 - International body of The Church
 - Meets every 4 years
 - Elected delegates from every Annual Conference
 - Equal numbers of lay and clergy delegates

General Conference - continued

- The “Legislative Body” of The UMC
 - Revisions to “The Book of Discipline”
 - Resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues
- The ONLY body that speaks for the entire denomination
- Sets the priorities and direction of The UMC for the next four years

Jurisdictional Conference - 2020

- Meets every 4 years—July following General Conference
- **North Central Jurisdictional Conference 2020**
 - July 18-20, 2020 in Fort Wayne, Indiana
- Responsibilities:
 - Election Assignment of Bishops – Primary task
 - Determine Annual Conference Boundaries
 - Provide Support to Annual Conference Ministries
 - Selects members of General Boards/Agencies

Election of Delegates

- Each Annual Conference elects delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conference
- Elections take place during the Annual Conference Session 1 or 2 years preceding the General Conference
- General Conference delegates are also delegates to Jurisdictional Conference
- Delegates serve for an entire quadrennium

Responsibilities of Delegates

- Active Participation in the 2020 GC/JC Delegation
- Commitment to be part of a “Team”
- Prepare for GC/JC ahead of time – read and study pre-conference materials
- Attend and Participate in All Sessions of the General Conference and/or Jurisdictional Conference
- Serve as a member of the Delegation for the entire Quadrennium – 2020-2024

2020 Wisconsin Conference Delegation

- 3 Lay and 3 Clergy Delegates to General Conference
- Delegates to General Conference are also Delegates to Jurisdictional Conference
- 3 Additional Lay and 3 Additional Clergy Delegates to Jurisdictional Conference
- 4 Lay and 4 Clergy Reserve Delegates to Jurisdictional Conference

A Vision for the 2020 Wisconsin Conference Delegation

- Elect a comprehensive team of representatives
- Witness to the entire denomination about:
 - Holy Listening
 - Collaborative Leadership
 - Creating a Healthy Future
- Committed to reclaiming all that is great about the United Methodist Church

Eligibility for Election as a Delegate

- Lay Delegates:
 - Any Professing Member of a United Methodist Congregation in the Wisconsin Annual Conference
 - Must have been a member of The UMC for two years and an active participant in the UMC for four years
- Clergy Delegates
 - Any Deacon in Full Connection or Elder in Full Connection who is a clergy member of the Wisconsin Annual Conference

Candidates for Election

- Persons interested in serving as a Lay or Clergy Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference have submitted Biographical Sketches
- Submission of a Biographical Sketch is NOT a requirement for election

Eligibility to Vote for Delegates

- **Lay Delegates** are elected by the Lay Members of Annual Conference
 - Alternate Lay Members may vote **ONLY** if they are registered to attend the Annual Conference **IN PLACE OF** the elected Lay Member from their Charge

Eligibility to Vote for Delegates

- **Clergy Delegates** are elected by some of the Clergy Members of the Wisconsin Annual Conference
 - Elders and Deacons in Full Connection
 - Associate Members
 - Provisional Members who have completed ALL of their educational requirements
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Eligibility to Vote for Clergy Delegates - continued

- Licensed Local Pastors:
 - Who have completed the Course of Study or M.Div. degree
 - AND who have served under appointment for two consecutive years immediately preceding the election

Eligibility to Vote for Delegates

- The following clergy are **NOT eligible to vote**:
 - Provisional Members who have NOT completed their educational requirements
 - Licensed Local Pastors who have NOT completed the Course of Study or the M.Div.
 - Lay Preachers
 - Clergy Members of Other Annual Conferences or other Denominations serving Wisconsin U.M. Churches

Election Process

- All Clergy Persons eligible for Election Assigned an ID Number
- All Laity who have Submitted a Biographical Sketch Assigned an ID Number
- There will be a procedure for Write-In votes for Laity

Election Process

- Vote on special ballot forms that can be scanned by a computer
- Must use a #2 pencil to mark ballot
- Must vote for exact number of delegates to be elected on that ballot
- Ballots may be taken at any time during Plenary
- Bishop will read results of previous ballot prior to taking next ballot

Election Process

- Multiple ballots required to elect **General Conference Delegation**
- Majority of total votes cast needed for ALL delegates to be elected
- Amendment III of Paragraph 34 in The Constitution of the United Methodist Church

Election Process

- **Jurisdictional Conference Delegation** – same process
- Reserve Delegates to Jurisdictional Conference – same process
- Instructions, ballots and Action Item 20 for Specifics of Voting Procedures – AC packets
- Watch your e-news and Conference Website for these details prior to Annual Conference!

Additional Information about the Election

- Specific Instructions on the voting process will be given in the opening plenary session.
- Each ballot can take about ½ hour of plenary time.
Can add up to 6-8 hours to the business sessions of the Annual Conference to obtain majority balloting
- Please carefully and prayerfully consider the material submitted by candidates for election, and vote for those persons who will make the best “team” from Wisconsin – THANK YOU!