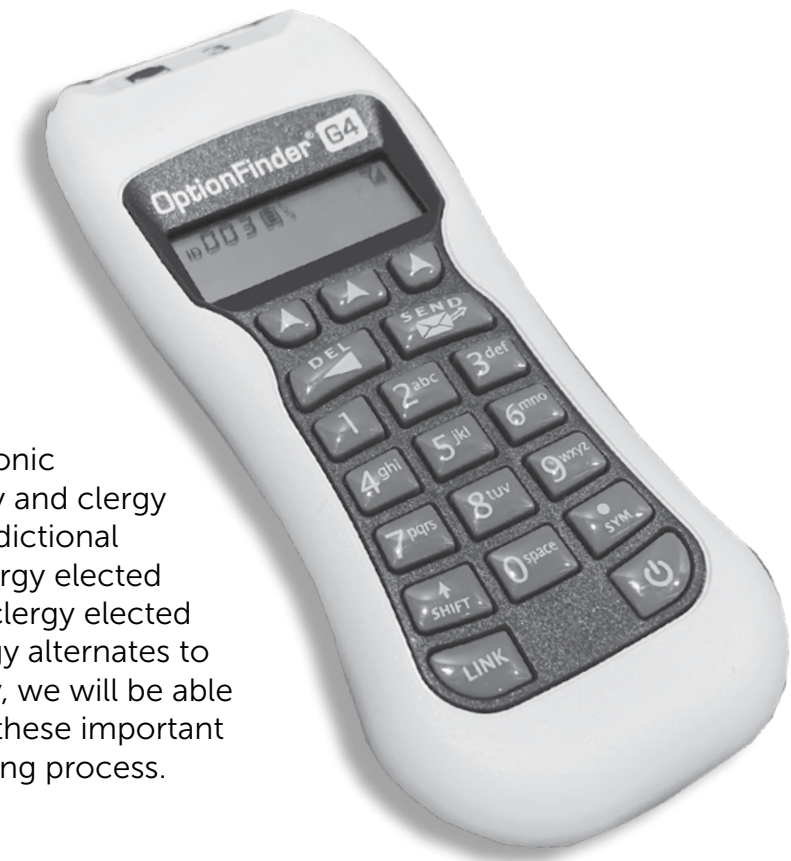


READ CAREFULLY:

How to Vote Electronically



WHO YOU ARE VOTING FOR

At our 2019 Annual Conference we will use electronic handsets to vote for legislation and for electing lay and clergy delegates to represent us at the General and Jurisdictional Conferences in 2020. There will be 4 lay and 4 clergy elected to General Conference, an additional 4 lay and 4 clergy elected to Jurisdictional Conference, and 2 lay and 2 clergy alternates to Jurisdictional Conference. By voting electronically, we will be able to reduce the amount of time involved in making these important selections and increase the accuracy of the balloting process.

HOW TO VOTE FOR CANDIDATES

These voting handsets look a bit like TV remote controls, but instead of pushing buttons to change channels, we'll be pushing buttons to enter the three digit candidate number of the individuals we prefer to represent us at the conferences. Candidate numbers can be found on this tally sheet or online at 2019.MichiganUMC.org. In the first round, you will enter four sets of three-digit (000) numbers using your keypad. Candidate numbers will be entered one candidate position at a time. When you enter a candidate number, for example "101" for the number for candidate Jane Doe, the number you enter will be displayed on your handset's screen. When you press the "Send" button your selection will be wirelessly transmitted to a computer that will record all votes and tabulate the final results of each ballot. These results will be checked by the Chief Teller for elections after each ballot and then announced by the Bishop. All of your votes will remain private.

WHERE YOU CAN VOTE

All voting will take place in Governor's Hall. When you enter the registration area, if you are eligible to vote (determined by the color strip on your name tag), you will be given an electronic keypad at the door. Please guard your keypad carefully, and return it to the keypad box in the room at the end of the annual conference. Please do not take the keypad home with you, as you will be charged a substantial fee (\$125) for each keypad that is not returned!

VOTING YES AND NO

Since electronic voting is new, we'll start the meeting off with "test votes" to get everyone comfortable with the procedure. The Bishop will pose a question and give us 30 seconds to vote. During this interval, you'll be able to change your vote should you wish to do so. The system counts only the last button you pushed: the 1 button for Yes, and the 2 button for No. When the 30 second interval is over, the Bishop will announce that the vote is complete, and shortly thereafter announce the results.

VOTING YES AND NO

Every vote taken throughout each voting session of conference will be conducted using electronic voting. Each time, you'll have 30 seconds to convey your vote. If you don't want to participate in a particular vote, don't push any buttons during the 30 second voting interval; if you make a mistake in voting, simply vote again. The system will tabulate the last vote that you enter. If you input an incorrect number during the voting and you see it on the keypad screen before you press send, and would like to change it, press the DEL button on the upper left to remove one number at a time.

TURNING THE HANDSET BACK ON

If you inadvertently turn your handset off by pushing the power button in its lower right corner, push this button again to turn your handset back on. Pushing any of your handset's other buttons will have no effect and will be treated as invalid.

Every handset will be tested before the conference, so the probability of a handset failing is very low. That said, if pushing your handsets 1 button or 2 button during a test vote does not produce the word "Received" on its display to confirm that your vote has been tabulated, please raise your hand; a Teller will quickly provide you with a new handset. We don't expect this to happen, but are prepared for this eventuality.

INVALID VOTING

You must vote using valid delegate numbers only. Your entire ballot will be invalid if you do any of the following:

- Vote for someone who has already been elected
- Vote for someone who has withdrawn their name or is otherwise no longer on the ballot
- Vote for a number out of range
- Vote for more candidates than are required in the current election

SAFETY

If you're wondering how much radio energy is used by a handset to convey your vote wirelessly, it uses half the power of a typical cell phone, and transmits for only a brief instant after you vote, using the same frequencies as WiFi wireless internet access.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding the electronic voting systems or procedures, please contact a teller or visit the electronic voting information table in the rear of the conference hall. Those individuals will also be wearing a shirt with "voting team" written on it.

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CLERGY NOMINEES

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Thomas Anderson
#101



Joy Barrett
#102



Bradley Bartelmay
#103



Kennetha Bigham-Tsai
#104



Elbert Dulworth
#105



Joel Fitzgerald
#106



Donald Gotham
#107



Carter Grimmatt
#108



Anita Hahn
#109



Benton Heisler
#110



Matt Hook
#111



Nancy Lynn
#112



Steven McCoy
#113



Paul Perez
#114



Tara Sutton
#115



Sherri Swanson
#116



Megan Walther
#117



John Weiler
#118



Christina Wright
#119



Jill Zundel
#120

LAITY NOMINEES

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Ruby Anderson
#201



Diane Brown
#202



Brenda DuPree
#203



Jacqueline Euper
#204



Gordon Grigg, III
#205



Nichea VerVeer Guy
#206



Robert Hegel
#207



Hoon-Yung Hopgood
#208



George Jonte-Crane
#209



Laurie Kaufman Delagarza
#210



Steven Lett
#211



Jennifer Peters
#212



Anne Soles
#213



Ruth Sutton
#214



William Tolentino, Jr
#215



Max Waagner
#216



Andrew Wayne
#217



Laura Witkowski
#218

Can I still nominate someone as a delegate for GC2020?

During Annual Conference session, voting members will be electing delegates from the Michigan Conference to attend the 2020 General and Jurisdictional conferences. The Michigan Conference has been allocated eight General Conference delegates (four clergy and four laity) and an additional eight for the North Central Jurisdictional conference (again four clergy and four laity). Additionally, our Conference Rules allow for an additional four delegates (two clergy and two laity) to be elected as alternates to the NCJC session.

The nomination submission deadline was February 15. However, nominations can be taken during our Annual Conference business sessions prior to each vote. Each nomination of an eligible candidate will be assigned an electronic number and added to the list of candidates.

DELEGATE CRITERIA

Candidates should be individuals who exercise initiative and demonstrate success in visionary leadership with the local church and beyond. As always, the Michigan Conference strives for a slate of nominees that is inclusive of age, gender, persons with disabilities, and ethnic diversity.

Delegates must meet eligibility criteria set forth in The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church – 2016 as follows:

- **CLERGY:** The Clergy Delegates to the General and Jurisdictional conferences shall be elected from the Clergy Members in Full Connection with the Michigan Conference. (¶35 Article IV)
- **LAITY:** Lay Delegates to the General and Jurisdictional conferences shall be members of a church within the Michigan Conference, professing members of The United Methodist Church for at least two years as of the date they are elected, and active participants in the United Methodist Church for at least four years as of the date elected. (¶36 Article V)

Delegates must be present at all meetings that lead up to the General Conference, attend the General Conference May 5-15, 2020, in Minneapolis, MN, and the Jurisdictional Conference July 15-18, 2020, in Fort Wayne, IN. Additionally, delegates need to be comfortable with or have ready access to a means of electronic communication. Massive amounts of information will be communicated via email and the web. Text and cell phone communication within the delegation is a vital link as well. A delegate also must be able to endure the pace of a vigorous work schedule and accommodate an extensive amount of walking.

VOTING PROCESS

Voting at this year's Annual Conference will be conducted electronically. Clergy will vote for clergy and laity will vote for laity. Per the Michigan Conference Rules 5.7.2.5, a candidate must receive a vote on a simple majority of votes cast in order to be elected. Therefore, the Annual Conference members will take as many ballots as necessary to elect the eight GC/JC delegates. Once the delegates are elected, one additional ballot will be taken to elect two jurisdictional alternates. Ballots will be taken throughout the Annual Conference business sessions as scheduled by the Commission on the Annual Conference.

Who can vote?

WHO CAN VOTE FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS?

Annual Conference business is best defined as items in the Legislation Booklet and any business that arises during our conference business.

Lay persons

If you are a lay person, elected by your congregation or by the conference as a lay equalization member, you are a member of this conference and you have right to voice and vote. (Diaconal ministers and deaconesses also vote as lay persons.)

Clergy

If you are clergy (defined as local pastors under appointment, deacons, provisional members, associate members, affiliate members, and elders) you have the right to voice and vote on legislation and business items that are acted upon by the legislative committees and plenary sessions.

Student pastors, local pastors without appointment, and retired local pastors have voice, but no vote.

In the clergy session, the right to vote on "matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy" extends only to clergy members in full connection and to local pastors and lay persons who are members of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry or the Committee on Investigation (2016 Book of Discipline, ¶602.1-4; ¶133).

WHO CAN VOTE FOR THE DELEGATES?

Lay Members: Lay members of the annual conference may vote for lay delegates and not clergy delegates (¶602.6 of The 2016 Book of Discipline). Certified candidates for licensed and ordained ministry serving as lay members may vote for lay delegates as long as they are not licensed as local pastors.

Diaconal Ministers and Deaconesses: Diaconal ministers and deaconesses vote as lay members of the annual conference (¶602.2 of The 2016 Book of Discipline).

Clergy Members: The following categories may vote for clergy delegates (¶35, Article IV of The 2016 Book of Discipline):

- Deacons and elders in full connection of the Michigan Conference (active or retired).
- Provisional members who have completed all educational requirements and have been elected to provisional membership. (Those elected at clergy session on Thursday are eligible to vote following their election.)
- Associate members, active or retired.
- Local pastors who have completed course of study or an M.Div. degree, are currently under appointment, and have been consecutively under appointment a minimum of two years before our conference begins.

Clergy Members: The following categories may NOT vote for clergy delegates:

- Clergy on honorable location, administrative location, or involuntary leave of absence.
- Clergy under appointment in Michigan, but members of other annual conferences or denominations.
- Local pastors who do not meet the criteria listed above.