New England Conference Delegation to General and Jurisdictional conferences

Do you think you might like to be a delegate to General Conference or the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference?

Our delegations to the 2020 General and Jurisdictional conferences will be elected at our 2019 Annual Conference session – June 13-15 in Manchester, NH.

The New England delegation to each conference will be six members: three clergy and three laity. The six elected as NEJ Conference delegates will serve as alternates to the General Conference. We also elect six alternates to the NEJ Conference – for a total of 18 persons (9 clergy, 9 laity) elected.

The 2020 General Conference will be May 5-15 in Minneapolis, MN. The 2020 Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference will take place July 13-17 in Hunt Valley, MD.

Everything you need to know about who is eligible to be a delegate, how to get nominated, and who can vote in the election can be found in our Conference Rules of Order Article IX. Election of delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conference and in the 2016 Book of Discipline paragraphs 35 and 36.

Here are some highlights:

ELIGIBILITY AND VOTING
Clergy eligible to be elected must be:

A full member in the Order of Deacons or the Order of Elders.

Those clergy eligible to vote include:

- Full members
- Associate Members
- Provisional members who have completed all educational requirements
- Local Pastors who have completed the Course of Study or have an MDiv. and have been appointed for at least 2 consecutive years immediately preceding the election

Laity eligible to be elected must be:

- A member of the New England Annual Conference (from local church, equalization, or by virtue of office) and
- Shall be a professing member in the United Methodist Church for at least 2 years next preceding their election and
- Shall be an active participant in the United Methodist Church for at least 4 years next preceding their election

Those Laity eligible to vote include all lay members of the Annual Conference.

NOMINATIONS
Our Rules of Order include the following provisions on nominations of delegates:

A. Nominations of Delegates: Persons shall have the freedom to vote for any person who is able and eligible, according to the laws of the Church, to serve as a delegate to the General and/or Jurisdictional Conference(s).

1. Requirements: Persons whose names are on the ballot must meet the requirements for election established in the current issue of the Discipline.

2. Biographies: Nominating biographies for both clergy and laity shall be announced by the Conference Secretary. Submission of a biography by May 1 of the year in which the election is held, constitutes nomination. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, but no speeches will be permitted. Nominating biographies shall be no more than 100 words with nominations being made by persons of the same class (clergy and laity). Conference Secretary's email: secretary@neumc.org

3. Additions: Voters may write any number of names on a ballot that does not exceed the number of persons to be elected. More names on a ballot than the number of persons to be elected will render the ballot defective.