

Voice and Vote

Annual Conference members with both voice (meaning they can speak in plenary sessions) and vote (meaning they can make and amend motions and vote on motions) 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	Voice without Vote
Clergy Members <i>in full connection</i> (§1602.a)	•	•		•	•	
Lay Members: <i>Elected Members representing congregations, Members by Virtue of Office, At-large Members as designated by districts, Youth Members</i> (§1602.4)	•		•	•	‡	
Provisional Clergy Members <i>who have completed all of their educational requirements</i> (§1602.b errata)	•	•				
Associate Clergy Members (§1602.c)	•	•			†	
Local Pastors <i>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</i> (§1602.d errata)	•	•				
Provisional Clergy Members (§1602.b)	•					
Affiliate Clergy Members (§1602.c errata)	•					
Full- and Part-time Local Pastors <i>under appointment to a pastoral charge</i> (§1602.d)	•				†	
Elders or Ordained Clergy from other denominations <i>serving under appointment within the Annual Conference</i> (§1346.2)	•					
Official Representatives from other Denominations (§1602.9)						•
Missionaries <i>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</i> (§1602.9)						•
Conference Chancellor <i>if not otherwise a voting member</i> (§1602.10)						•
Ordained Clergy or Provisional Members <i>from Other Annual Conferences and Other Methodist Denominations</i> (§1346.1)						•
Visitors, Spouses of Clergy & West Ohio Conference Staff						

† 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 (§1602.6)