

Pre-Conference Materials

Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference

June 8-10, 2023

God has made
EVERYTHING beautiful
IN ITS TIME

**A TIME
TO PLANT,
AND A TIME
TO BUILD.**

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**Illinois Great Rivers Conference
of
The United Methodist Church**

**Information & Reference
Section
to the
2023 Annual Conference Session**

Submitted by

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Call to Annual Conference

NOTICE is hereby given to the annual session of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference. This session is the Twenty-Sixth Session (201st Session, Counting Antecedent Annual Conferences) of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.

The Session is to be convened: June 8-10, 2023.

Excused absence forms are available from the conference superintendents. All excused absence forms must be completed and returned to the annual conference secretary by no later than May 30, 2023, for the record of excused absences to be recorded in the Journal-Yearbook.

Purpose of the Pre-Conference Workbook

This Pre-Conference Workbook is mandated by the Standing Rules of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference. The purpose of the workbook is to give members all the information they need for the annual conference sessions. For this Special Session, the workbook is divided into the following sections.

- Pre-Conference Information Section (this document)
- Legislative Items
- Voting Guide

What Am I Doing Here? Basics for Beginners

Feeling overwhelmed? Wondering why you said “yes” to your election as a lay (or clergy) member of annual conference? Most members feel a bit anxious or confused the first few times they come to annual conference. Here are a few explanations and definitions to help you along.

Annual Conference is:

- **People with a purpose:** The purpose of the annual conference is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by equipping its local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church; all to the glory of God.” (§601, 2016 *Book of Discipline*).
- **Geography:** The Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference is composed of ten (soon to be five) districts covering downstate Illinois. Our districts have the following names: Cache River, Embarras River, Illinois River, Iroquois River, Kaskaskia River, LaMoine River, Mississippi River, Sangamon River, Spoon River, and Vermilion River.
- **A legal entity:** The 2016 *Book of Discipline*, §33, states: “The annual conference is the basic body in the Church... It shall discharge all duties and exercise such powers as the General Conference under the Constitution may determine.” The annual conference is a legal unit in both church law and civil law.
- **An annual gathering for:**
 - **Spiritual formation:** Members of and visitors to annual conference are renewed for the mission of the church through worship of God, which includes inspirational preaching by Bishop Beard and others, sacred music and praise songs led by a variety of choirs and musicians, Holy Communion, the commissioning and ordination of deacons and elders, morning devotionals, and other services of celebration and remembrance. Members and visitors also have opportunities to learn from conference speakers, who help us understand God’s Word and world and our role as stewards of both.
 - **Community formation:** One of the abiding benefits of annual conference is meeting new friends and building relationships with lay and clergy members. Because of the number of people attending, opportunities exist at annual conferences that can’t be duplicated at the local church level.
 - **Mission formation:** The church exists for the maintenance of worship, edification of believers, and the redemption of the world. At annual conference we engage in intentional and holy conversation

and decision-making about how we, in partnership with God, can facilitate this purpose. Our agenda, therefore, includes certain items on which the conference must act, including reports, resolutions, and amendments. The annual conference follows the rules of the General Conference, The Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference, and Roberts Rules of Order, Revised. All of this is done to insure to the greatest degree possible that all business is conducted on an equitable basis. The resident bishop, Bishop Beard is the presiding officer.

- **Statistics:** We need to remember that “statistics” represent resources cultivated and employed by our congregations for fulfilling the vision and mission of the church.

What do lay members do?

- Lay members are a key link between their local church or charge and the other churches of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference.
- Lay members serve as principal communicators between their local church or charge and the global United Methodist Church, not only while annual conference is in session, but throughout the year.
- Lay members are full participants, along with the clergy members of the annual conference, in making decisions on all the issues before the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference (except on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy).
- Lay members have year-round responsibilities in their local church or charge, where by virtue of office, they are members of: the charge conference, the church council, the staff/pastor parish relations committee, and the finance committee.

Announcements

Announcements in the Annual Conference Session are generally limited to emergencies and information relevant and important to all or most members of the annual conference. Announcements will be made at the discretion of the Conference Secretary.

Hospitality and Secretarial Staff

Hospitality and secretarial staff members voluntarily share their time and talent to make our Annual Conference Session flow smoothly and as comfortably as possible. Hospitality staff members will be positioned in various areas of the Peoria Civic Center and at every entrance to Exhibit Halls B and C to assist members and visitors in any way possible.

Telephones and Emergencies

- Emergency during conference hours (7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.): call the Conference Information Center at (309) 680-3621. You may also try (309) 680-3500.
- Emergency after conference hours (5:00 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.): please call the hotel where your party is lodging.
- Emergency on site: contact the appropriate annual conference staff member, Conference Information Center, or hospitality staff.

Member Support, Health, and Safety

Aroma-free Seating

Hospitality provides seating for persons who have allergies or other reactions to fragrances. Please allow the staff to direct you to that area. All members are urged to accommodate those with allergies by refraining from the use of fragrances if possible.

Electronic Devices and Internet Access

Please do not plug your chargers or devices into any outlets in Halls B and C, because they will interfere with the video and audio delivery system.

Charging Electronic Devices: Electrical outlets for charging electronic devices can be found at the

following charging stations:

- in the front right of Hall C near the Communications table and outside of the Business Center in the Terrazzo Lobby Hallway.
- at the Verizon Lobby.
- outside of the Business Center in the Terrazzo Lobby Hallway

Internet: Electronic devices needing internet access should use the wireless network provided by the Peoria Civic Center.

Emergency Messages

Notices of emergency messages will be announced from the stage and/or displayed on the projection screens. The message itself will be available at the Conference Information Center in the Terrazzo Lobby outside Exhibit Hall C.

Fire and Evacuation Plan

Please familiarize yourself with the marked exits in the Peoria Civic Center. If a fire or tornado occurs, the Peoria Civic Center Staff will direct evacuation. A map will be supplied in your supplemental packet.

First Aid and Nursing Mothers

Room 202 is designated for use by mothers who are nursing. The location will be listed in the directory included in the Information Packet distributed at the Terrazzo Lobby near Exhibit Hall C. First-aid nurses will be present on-site.

Hearing Assistance

Hearing assistant devices are available to members for use on a daily basis. These devices are programmed into the sound system and can be picked up from the communications table. Any member of the hospitality staff will be happy to assist you.

Security

The Peoria Civic Center maintains 24-hour security of building perimeters, parking areas, and interior pedestrian traffic for all events requiring security. Additionally, security staff serves as a central radio control unit for all our facility staff.

Smoking

The Peoria Civic Center allows smoking in designated smoking areas only. Maps are available in the registration area.

Wheelchair and Visual/Hearing-Impaired Seating

There will be reserved seating available for the visually and hearing impaired and persons who require wheelchairs. Hospitality staff members will be happy to direct you to these areas.

Youth Seating

A special section will be set aside for youth members of the annual conference. Selected mentors also will be seated in the section to guide youth through the conferencing experience and keep them informed of special youth activities.

Finding Your Way Around

All Purpose Meeting Room

Room 135 is designated for use by guests for the Memorial Service, ordinands meeting with the bishop before ordination, and any other special meetings posted on the door.

Choir Rehearsal Area

The rehearsal area for choirs is located in Exhibit Hall D. Various groups will share the rehearsal area. Check with your group to find your rehearsal times.

Clergy Session

Clergy Session will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Exhibit Hall A.

Laity Session

The Laity Session will be held on Thursday, June 8, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 pm in the Peoria Civic Center, Exhibit Halls B and C.

Cokesbury Bookstore

The Cokesbury Bookstore is located in Exhibit Hall D. Hours are posted by the Cokesbury tables.

Conference Communications Newsroom

The Annual Conference Communications Director, Paul Black, and staff is located in Exhibit Hall B at the communications table.

Conference Information Center

The Annual Conference Information Center is located in the Terrazzo Lobby of the Peoria Civic Center.

Hours will be:

- Thursday– 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Friday – 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday - 8:00 a.m. to one half hour following the close of the Annual Conference.

Conference Secretary's Office

The annual conference secretary's office is located in the Show Manager's Office just inside Exhibit Hall C as you enter from the Terrazzo Lobby. Secretarial staff members may be found in that room or at tables near the front platform.

Prayer Room

A Prayer Room for private worship and meditation is available for all persons at all times during Annual Conference. It will be in Room 134 in the Peoria Civic Center. The Order of St. Luke offers a daily worship service in this room each morning at 7:30 a.m.

Robe Racks

Coat racks will be available to clergy during ordination in Exhibit Hall D for storing their garment bags.

Media: Ordering and Distribution

Video Recordings

Videos of the services as well as videos produced by IGRC Communications for the 2023 Annual Conference Session will be posted on the Conference's website at the conclusion of Annual Conference.

The Current

Those wishing to order *The Current*, the monthly news publication of The Illinois Great Rivers Conference, may do so by using the form of this section. An electronic subscription is also available.

Events-full and The Current Week in Review

Weekly electronic newsletters, Events-full and *The Current Week in Review* are available by email, along with other electronic newsletters, by signing up with the forms of this section..

Distribution of Materials

Those wishing to distribute informational materials to members of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference at the site of Annual Conference must secure authorization from the annual conference secretary. The only acceptable items are those that relate directly to the agenda of our Annual Conference Session.

Journal-Yearbooks - Ordering

Each Annual Conference member is entitled to one free copy of the Journal-Yearbook. Unless a printed copy is

specifically requested using the form found in the Supplemental Packet, Journal-Yearbooks will be delivered to members on CD-ROM. Additional printed copies of the Journal-Yearbook may be ordered at a cost of \$20.00 per copy. Additional CD-ROM copies are \$5.00. Please note the deadline for orders and the need for payment to accompany the order either at Annual Conference Session or with mailed orders. Persons may also access the Journal-Yearbook online at no cost by going to www.igrc.org

Expectations of Lay and Clergy Members

Behavior Guidelines and Common Courtesies

1. **Announcements, Introductions, and Prayer Requests:** Any information members expect to be communicated from the platform or by projection must be submitted on the official announcement request form and be approved by the annual conference secretary.
2. **Bar of the Conference:** Physical seating in the bar of the Annual Conference is reserved exclusively for lay and clergy members during business sessions. Guests of the Annual Conference should be seated in designated visitors' areas. Bishop Beard will recognize only members who are in the bar of the Annual Conference for permission to address the Annual Conference or to cast ballots.
3. **Reduction of Commotion:**
 - Everyone attending Annual Conference Sessions must be seated. Individuals who choose to stand along the walls will be asked to take a seat, stand behind the pipe and draping, or move out of Exhibit Halls B & C in consideration of others.
 - The center doors will be closed after the last verse of the opening hymn of every worship service and the side doors will remain open. Hospitality staff will direct those who arrive late to be seated in empty seats at the back of Exhibit Halls B & C until worship is completed. All members are urged to be on time for worship and if they enter late to do so discreetly.
 - Seating is provided in Exhibit Hall D for individuals who wish to visit and conduct personal business. This will allow all of our members and guests to concentrate on the business before the Annual Conference.
 - Please set your cell phones on vibrate, or better yet, turn them off.

Conference Badges/Name Tags

- Every member and guest of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference is expected to wear the appropriate badge in order to be admitted to Exhibit Halls B and C. For decision-making sessions, only members will be allowed to be seated in the bar of the Annual Conference.
- Clergy will not be permitted to enter the Clergy Session without their name tag, which may be picked up at the registration desk in the Terrazo Lobby.
 - o Green –
 - Lay Members
 - o Orange-
 - Ordained Elders in good standing
 - Ordained Deacons in good standing
 - Provisional Members who have completed all educational requirements.
 - Associate Members
 - Licensed Full and Part-Time Local Pastors who have completed Course of Study/M.Div. and served a min of 2 consecutive years under appointment.
 - o Pink-
 - Provisional Members who have not completed all educational requirements.

- Licensed Full and Part-Time Local Pastors who have not completed Course of Study/M.Div. and served a min of 2 consecutive years under appointment.
- o Blue-
 - Non-Voting Members
 - Retired Local Pastors not under appointment.

Displays at Annual Conference

Purpose of Displays

Displays facilitate the ability of conference members to connect with groups who have information to share on their ministry. Displays are provided to encourage conference members to learn more about the resources that are available through the wide variety of agencies and ministries in the annual conference. A few displays are targeted for sale of goods. The parameters for their purpose are discussed in a separate paragraph.

Requesting Space and Obtaining Permissions

1. Forms requesting display space must be submitted to the Event Coordinator by the fourth Friday in March. The request is then forwarded to the Local Arrangements Committee for space assignment.
2. Groups or individuals requesting display space for the first time must submit plans for content of the display to the Director of Connectional Ministries by no later than 30 days prior to the annual conference session. Failure to comply will result in the display request being denied.
3. The Sessions Committee has the discretion to approve all displays and set and publish guidelines for display space assignments.
4. The subject and content of the display is expected to be in compliance with the *Book of Discipline*, the *Social Principles*, and *The Book of Resolutions*.
5. In the event content is deemed to be inappropriate, it will be removed by one of the following officers: annual conference secretary or chairperson of the Sessions Committee.
6. Groups officially recognized by and/or related to The United Methodist Church may request display space. Each group requesting space must agree to use their display area in accordance with the purpose statement in this document. Groups “officially recognized by” or “related to” The United Methodist Church include the following:
 - Approved Advance (Conference or General) Specials
 - Ministries included and approved in the Conference Budget
 - Ministries included in and approved in the Nominations Report
 - Ministries approved as a Conference Special Offering
 - Ministries which are initiated, supervised, and housed within a local United Methodist church or local United Methodist Church-owned facility within the boundaries of the IGRC University Senate-Approved seminaries
7. Because of limited space and the need of the annual conference to limit its space use to noncommercial organizations, no commercial organizations (other than the exceptions noted in this policy document) shall be permitted to rent or otherwise use display space.
8. No group will be allowed to place signs, displays or vehicles on convention center property without the permission of the Sessions Committee. No sales of goods or petitions of any kind are allowed.

Size and Location of Space

1. The amount of space available for displays varies depending on the site of the annual conference session. The Sessions Committee believes it is proper to allocate the same size space to each group requesting space prior to the deadline for such requests.

2. Each group setting up a display must agree to keep their display within the space allotted to them and not to encroach onto the display space assigned to another group.
3. Display spaces are assigned to specific locations, and groups setting up displays cannot move their display to another location. Because some locations are considered prime locations, each year display space assignments may be rotated to allow all groups the opportunity to use a prime location.

Special Permissions

In the past, display space has been granted to Cokesbury for a bookstore at annual conference. Since Cokesbury is the denomination's publishing house, they are granted an exception to the stated policy above. Other organizations providing free or reduced fee services to the annual conference session may also be allowed to have display space where demonstrations or product sales will take place.

Fees and Other Financial Considerations

1. Fees for requested use of electrical outlets are paid by the group requesting space.
2. Fees for requested phone lines are paid by the group requesting space.
3. Fees for tables and table skirting (if not provided) are paid by the group requesting space.
4. Please note that in the eyes of the Illinois Department of Revenue and the Illinois Great Rivers Conference there is no difference between selling items and giving away items for a donation. Please do not put the IGRC tax-exempt status at risk by exchanging any goods for money.

Publicity

A list of all display booths will be distributed in the on-site packet that members receive. Advertisements for display spaces may not be publicized in other printed materials at annual conference.

The Journal-Yearbook

What Is It?

The *Book of Discipline* (§606) requires each conference to keep an exact record of its proceedings. A hard copy of this record becomes part of a number of General, Jurisdictional, and annual conference committees and commissions. The IGRC publishes a limited number of hard copies for those who order them. The *Journal-Yearbook* is available to everyone in electronic form.

What's in It?

The *Book of Discipline* requires the inclusion of the following items in this order:

- Officers of annual conference
- Boards, commissions, committees; rolls of conference members
- Daily proceedings
- Business of the Annual Conference (BAC) Report
- Appointments
- Reports as ordered by the annual conference
- Annual report of the district superintendents, if any
- Memoirs as ordered by the annual conference following the guidelines of the General Commission on Archives and History
- Roll of dead: deceased clergy members
- Historical
- Miscellaneous
- Pastoral record (including the records of accepted local pastors in such manner as the conference may determine)
- Statistics
- Index

How to Make Corrections

Corrections received before June 30, 2023, will be reflected in the 2023 Journal-Yearbook. Corrections received after that date will appear in the 2024 Journal-Yearbook.

Send corrections directly to the IGRC secretary (ACSecretary@igrc.org), noting the exact location of the item to be corrected.

When Resolutions or Reports Are Not Adopted

Reports, resolutions, amendments to the Standing Rules, policy statements, policy statement amendments, or petitions that are not adopted will not be printed in the *Journal-Yearbook*. The vote indicating defeat of the resolution will be recorded in the Daily Proceedings, and the heading information and notation of disposition of the resolution or report will be listed in the Legislative Items section of the *Journal-Yearbook*.

Reports and Resolutions

Submitting Reports and Resolutions

Any Illinois Great Rivers Conference member or entity may submit a resolution for consideration by the annual conference. Resolutions will be ruled out of order if they conflict with the *Book of Discipline*, which can be changed only by the General Conference. All resolutions become the property of the annual conference once they are published in the Pre-Conference Workbook or, as in the case of the Supplemental Packet, received by the annual conference. No resolution containing information deemed to be libelous will be printed.

Deadlines for Submitting Reports and Resolutions

- See the 2022 Journal-Yearbook

Specifications for Submitting Reports and Resolutions

1. Please submit your documents electronically by email attachment. Send to: ACSecretary@igrc.org or Annual Conference Secretary, 2818 N. University St. Peoria, IL 61604. Please submit resolutions and reports as PDF or MS Word files. Budgets or other tables should be submitted in Excel. Please use Times New Roman 12.
2. Use your spell checker. Make sure the names of persons are spelled correctly. Use full and correct titles.
3. Do not type in all caps. Do not use your spacebar for anything except spacing between words and sentences (one space).
4. Make certain that statements in reports and resolutions are documented (indicate your source).
5. Consider the use of acronyms for committees, boards, etc., in reports, resolutions, and amendments.
6. Along with the report or resolution, please:
 - Provide a suggested title
 - Provide a one-line description of the content
 - Provide the name(s) of the author(s).
 - Indicate if you believe it has implications which need to be considered by the Conference Council on Finance and Administration or Conference Board of Pensions.

Formal Comments on Legislative Items

1. Legislative Items with fiscal implications for the annual conference must first be reviewed by the Conference Council on Finance and Administration (CCFA) at a scheduled meeting and are subject to formal commentary by this body in the heading of the item. For this reason, such resolutions must be submitted by the February 15 deadline. (See Standing Rule III.D.3)
2. Legislative Items with implications for pensions and health benefits must first be reviewed by the Conference Board of Pensions (CBOP) at a scheduled meeting and are subject to formal commentary by this body

in the heading of the item. For this reason, such resolutions must be submitted by the February 15 deadline. (See Standing Rule III.D.4.d)

3. Legislative Items with implications for either CCFA or CBOP are first submitted to the conference secretary, who will forward the items to the appropriate body for review.
4. Failure to follow these procedures will prevent items from being printed in the Pre-conference Workbook or Supplemental Packet.

Letters Directed by Annual Conference Action

Any individual or group requesting letters be sent by the annual conference secretary needs to be aware of the following procedure. The maker of the motion, report, or resolution will be required to furnish a sample letter (electronically), as well as the names and complete postal addresses for all recipients to whom the letters are to be sent.

Conference-Directed Letters

Any individual or group requesting letters be sent by the annual conference secretary needs to be aware of the following procedure. The maker of the motion, report, or resolution will be required to furnish a sample letter (electronically), as well as the names and complete postal addresses for all recipients to whom the letters are to be sent. These items should be left at the Conference Information Center in the Terrazzo Lobby near Exhibit Hall C or emailed to ACSecretary@igrc.org.

Evaluating the Annual Conference Experience

The IGRC Sessions Committee encourages feedback and provides a way to submit opinions electronically. The survey will be accessible online. Those who subscribe to the IGRC Listserv will receive a reminder after conference concludes.

Meeting Room Requests

Any board, commission, committee, or group requesting a meeting room should contact Michelle Wilson, Event Coordinator, through the Conference Information Center, located in the Terrazzo Lobby near Exhibit Hall C.

Recycling Aluminum and Paper

Large bins will be placed throughout the Peoria Civic Center for recycling purposes. Separate containers will be designated for aluminum and paper.

General Information

Complimentary Coffee

Complimentary coffee will be available in the display area of Exhibit Hall D from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Thursday (hosted by Preachers' Aid Society and Benefit Fund) and Friday (hosted by the United Methodist Foundation). Enjoy!

Conference Theme

Our Annual Conference theme is "A time to plant, and a time to build," based on Ecclesiastes 3:8.

Organ and Piano

The Allen Digital Computer Renaissance Organ is provided by Church Organ Network and Piano Network of Peoria-Effingham-Springfield-Champaign. The Yamaha Conservatory Artist Grand Piano is provided by Samuel Music of Effingham, Springfield, Bloomington, and Champaign.

Dates of 2024 Annual Conference

The Bishop has announced the following dates for the next Annual Conference Session June 6-8, 2024.

Parliamentary Matters

Governing Rules

The Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference is governed by the Annual Conference By-Laws and the Standing Rules of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference, and in situations where the above do not apply, Roberts Rules of Order, Revised.

The Standing Rules

The Standing Rules of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference are found on in the 2022 *Journal-Yearbook*.

Roberts Rules of Order

See the Parliamentary Motions Guide in this Legislative Section for a summary of most commonly used rules.

Voting and Speaking Rights at Annual Conference

1. Lay members have the right to vote on all measures except in the election of clergy delegates to the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences; on the granting or validation of license, ordination, or reception into full Annual Conference membership; or on any question concerning the character and official conduct of ordained ministers, except those who are lay members of the Board of Ordained Ministry (§602.6).
2. Clergy members in full connection shall have the right to vote on all matters in the annual conference except in the election of lay delegates to the General and Jurisdictional or central conferences and shall have sole responsibility for all matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy.
3. Provisional clergy members shall have the right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except constitutional amendments, election of clergy delegates to the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy. Provisional clergy members who have completed all of their educational requirements may vote to elect clergy delegates to General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences (see Judicial Council Decision 1181 and § 35, Article IV).
4. Associate clergy members shall have the right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except constitutional amendments and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy. When associate members are members of the conference Board of Ordained Ministry, they have the right to vote at clergy session on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy (§ 635.1). Affiliate clergy members shall have the right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except the constitutional amendments, election of clergy delegates to the General, Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy (see Judicial Council Decision 1181 and § 35, Article IV).”
5. Full-time and part-time local pastors under appointment to a pastoral charge shall have the right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except constitutional amendments; election of delegates to the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy. When local pastors are members of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, they have the right to vote at clergy session on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy (§ 635.1). 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 may vote to elect clergy delegates to General and Jurisdictional or central conferences (see Judicial Council Decision 1181 and § 35, Article IV).”
6. Deaconesses may be seated at the Annual Conference Session with voice and vote. (§1913.5).
7. Ordained elders or ordained clergy from other annual conferences and other Methodist denominations may be granted voice but not vote in the annual conference to which they are appointed. (§346.1)
8. Elders or ordained clergy from other denominations may have the right to vote on all matters except constitutional amendments, election of clergy delegates to the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, and matters of ordination, character, and the conference relations of clergy (§346.2).
9. Retired Local Pastors have the right to voice, but not vote (§320.5).
10. Supply Pastors do not have the right to voice or vote. If they are retired clergy members, or are elected as a lay member to Annual Conference, then they are covered under those categories above.

Parliamentary Motions Guide

Based on Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (11th Edition)

Part 1, Main Motions: The motions below are listed in order of precedence.
Any motion can be introduced if it is higher on the chart than the pending motion.

You want to:	You say:	Can you interrupt?	Does it need a 2nd?	Can it be debated?	Can it be amended?	What vote is needed?
Close the meeting	I move to adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Take a break	I move to recess	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Register a complaint	I rise to a question of privilege	Yes	No	No	No	None
Follow the agenda	I call for the orders of the day	Yes	No	No	No	None
Lay a question aside	I move to lay the question on the table	No	Yes	No	No	2/3 majority
Close the debate	I move the previous question	No	Yes	No	No	2/3 majority
Limit or extend a debate	I move that debate be limited to...	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3 majority
Postpone to a certain time	I move to postpone the motion to...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	majority
Refer to a committee	I move to refer the motion to...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	majority
Modify wording of a motion	I move to amend the motion by...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	majority
Kill the main motion	I move that the motion be postponed indefinitely	No	Yes	Yes	No	majority
Bring business before the assembly (a main motion)	I move that (or "move to")	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	majority
Part 2, Incidental Motions - No order of precedence. Arise incidentally and decided immediately.						
Enforce the rules	Point of order	Yes	No	No	No	None
Submit matter to the assembly	I appeal from the decision of the chair	Yes	Yes	Varies	No	Majority
Suspend the rules	I move to suspend the rules	No	Yes	No	No	2/3 majority
Avoid main motion all together	I object to consideration of the question	Yes	No	No	No	2/3 majority
Divide the motion	I move to divide the question	No	Yes	No	Yes	majority
Withdraw a motion	I move to withdraw the question	No	No	No	No	majority
Demand a rising vote	I move for a rising vote	Yes	No	No	No	None
A question of Parliamentary law	Parliamentary inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	None
Request information	Point of information	Yes	No	No	No	None

Part 3, Motions That Bring a Question Again Before the Assembly						
Take a matter from the table	I move to take from the table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Cancel a previous action	I move to rescind	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3 or majority with notice
Reconsider a motion	I move to reconsider	No	Yes	Varies	No	Majority

Quick Election Voting Guide

2019 General and Jurisdictional Conference Elections of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference

Reference: *The Book of Discipline*, 2016.

Status	May vote on:	May not vote on	Eligible for election as delegate to General / Jurisdictional Conference
Lay Members must have been a member of the UMC for at least 2 years prior to their election; and have been active in a UMC for at least 4 years prior to the election. GREEN:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All matters before the annual conference. Constitutional amendments Election of <i>lay</i> delegates to General and Jurisdictional conferences. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election of <i>clergy</i> delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences Granting or validation of licenses, ordination, or reception into full Annual Conference membership Questions concerning the character and official conduct of ordained ministers (excepting those who are members of the Board of Ordained Ministry or the Committee on Investigation) 	Yes
Full-member, Ordained Elders and Deacons in good standing ORANGE:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All matters before the annual conference. Constitutional amendments All matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy. Election of <i>clergy</i> delegates to General and Jurisdictional conferences. 	Election of <i>lay</i> delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences	Yes
Provisional Elders/Deacons who <i>have completed</i> all educational requirements ORANGE:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All matters before the annual conference. Election of clergy delegates to General and Jurisdictional conferences. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election of <i>lay</i> delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences Constitutional amendments All matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy. 	No
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