



Winchester District

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TO: Winchester District Pastors and Lay Leaders
FROM: Rev. Dr. Steve, Summers, District Superintendent
SUBJECT: Nomination of District Lay Members to Annual Conference
DATE: October 5, 2020

1. District Lay Member-at-Large for 2021 Annual Conference

Calculations and information received from Ted Smith, Conference Connectional Ministries Office, via e-mail for the District Lay Members-at Large of the 2021 Annual Conference:

Winchester District = 22 District Lay Members-at-large (this is in addition to the District Lay Leader, District President of United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, 2 Youth Delegates, & 2 Young Adult Delegates)

- ◆ Nominations for District lay Members-at-large to the 2021 Annual Conference (Hampton, June 17—19, 2021) will be received from ALL local churches on the Winchester District **and elected at District Conference (October 25, 2020, via Zoom)**. A form is enclosed for those nominations. The Zoom link is at the end of this notice. Nominations forms need to be completed, signed, and returned to the District Office by **Tuesday, October 20, 2020 by 3:00 p.m.**, for inclusion on the ballot.
- ◆ “All nominees shall have been *members* in good standing of the United Methodist Church for at least two years preceding their nominations, they shall have been *active participants* in the United Methodist Church for at least four years preceding their election, and shall be members of churches in the Winchester District.”
- ◆ In order to have adequate representation to Annual Conference, nomination forms are being sent to clergy and lay leaders. Please make sure persons in your congregation(s) are aware of the need for District Members-at-Large. To ensure adequate number of representatives from the Winchester District, Clergy and Lay Leaders are asked to actively solicit nominations. The District provides District Members a stipend (\$400) for expenses to Annual Conference

2. District Alternate Lay Members-at-Large to 2021 Annual Conference

Calculations and information received from the Conference Connectional Ministries Office for the Winchester District Lay Alternate Members-at-Large are as follows:

Winchester District = 7 District Alternate Lay Members-at-Large to 2021 Annual Conference need to be elected at District Conference.

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- ◆ Please note the conference rules limit the number of at-large members to the calculations (section 1), but the alternates need only need to be ‘equal to at least one-third of the numbers.’ If you generally run out of alternates, you are free to elect as many as you want, simply, the minimum number of alternates you must elect is one—third (7) of the total number of at-large members (22).”

3. District Lay Youth and Young Adult/College Members-at-Large to 2021 Annual Conference

- ◆ By Discipline each district is to have two Youth and two Young Adults delegates, these are nominated through the District Nominations Facilitation Committee and elected along with other District Leaders.

4. Additional Notes:

- ◆ The nominations above are in addition to the Lay Members of Annual Conference representing your charge elected at you charge conference (one lay member per appointed clergy)
- ◆ The 2021 District UMM President, the District UMW President; the District Lay Leader; and all Diaconal Ministers are already members of the Annual Conference by Conference rules or by previous District Conference action and therefore should not be nominated by any charge.
- ◆ By conference rules change in 2004, only Lay Members of the District Conference may vote for the Lay District Members-at-Large of Annual Conference.

5. Zoom Link:

Topic: Winchester District Conference Zoom Meeting
Time: Oct 25, 2020 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/96422934532>

Meeting ID: 964 2293 4532
Passcode: 546669

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Enclosures: Nomination Form - District-at-Large Lay Members