

Who may attend and participate?

The persons receiving this invitation are eligible to attend the Alaska United Conference Session; however, if you think you have received this message in error, please be in touch with the Conference Office immediately. Those receiving this invitation include:

Laity

With Voice and Vote:

- **Lay Members of the Annual Conference** elected by local churches. Multiple-point charges may only have as many voting lay members as there are pastors in the charge. The others will be considered collegial lay representatives with voice but without vote. (AUMC Rule 2.10)
- **Lay Members at Large** (provided these have been members of the UMC for at least 2 years): The AUMC lay leader, the president of United Methodist Women (UMW), the president of United Methodist Men (UMM), president or one of the members of the Conference Council of Youth Ministry (CCYM), diaconal ministers serving in the AUMC, the active deaconesses and home missionaries under episcopal appointment within the bounds of the AUMC, the Director of Lay Servant Ministries, and the Secretary of Global Ministries (if lay). (AUMC Rule 2.15)
- **Lay representatives of Institutions and Agencies** (provided these are members of the UMC in accordance with constitutional requirements): One lay voting member from each of the following institutions and agencies related to the AUMC: AK Child and Family; Alaska Pacific University; Nome Community Center; United Campus Ministry Fairbanks; and University Community Ministry Anchorage. (AUMC Rule 2.05)

With voice but without vote:

- **Lay representatives elected by Fellowships and New Faith Communities** and authorized by AUMC Superintendent (AUMC Rule 2.20)
- Lay persons, who are not members of the AC, but who are officers of the Annual Conference or an officers/member of one of its agencies, units, councils, committees, task forces, or societies. (AUMC Rule 2.20)
- **Other lay persons specified in AUMC Rule 2.20:** Lay home missionaries related to the GBGM; Other missionaries serving within the bounds of the AUMC; Retired deaconesses and home missionaries who reside within the bounds of the AUMC; A CCYM representative from each region; A collegial lay representative from a local church that does not have a lay member elected from among its membership

Clergy

With Voice and Vote:

- **Active and retired ordained members of the AUMC** (right now we only have Charles Brower in this category).
- **Affiliate clergy members:** ordained and provisional clergy members of other Annual Conferences appointed in the AUMC. (UMC Book of Discipline ¶1586.4)
- **Licensed local pastors** (may vote with some restrictions)

- **Collegial Ministers of Other Christian Denominations** that are NOT Methodist, serving under appointment in the AUMC (may vote with some restrictions)
- **Clergy representatives of Institutions and Agencies** (provided these are members of the UMC in accordance with constitutional requirements): One clergy voting member from each of the following institutions and agencies related to the AUMC: AK Child and Family; Alaska Pacific University; Nome Community Center; United Campus Ministry Fairbanks; and University Community Ministry Anchorage. (Rule 2.05)

With Voice but without Vote

- **Retired Local pastors** whose membership is with the AUMC.

Visitors are welcome to attend the virtual Annual Conference Session with no voice (unless granted by the body) nor vote.