

APPENDIX TO THE STANDING RULES

Elections Policy - APPROVED: June 7, 2005

Following are major policy statements approved by the South Georgia Annual Conference. They are placed in this appendix to the Standing Rules for the convenience of all laity and clergy.

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Clergy Delegation Elections Process

1. All Full Conference members (ordained elders and deacons) have the option of placing a 100 word statement on the South Georgia Conference web-site concerning their interests, issues and qualifications to be considered as a potential delegate. A picture will also be beneficial. This website information is intended to be sufficient and to preclude candidates or supporters sending other forms of campaign materials printed and/or electronic such as brochures, flyers, e-mails, faxes, letters of endorsement, etc. Our intent is to create a level playing field and to be fair with all potential candidates. The following form will be used:

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____

E-mail _____

Fax number _____

Current Appointment _____

List Appointments Served:

List of leadership positions served in the Conference and District:

Statement (100 words or less): The statement could include qualifications, convictions, thoughts on issues, concerns, etc. If you are considering a candidate and would like more information simply call or e-mail that person.

I wish to be considered as a delegate to the 2008 General and/or Jurisdictional Conference.

Signature _____

2. Beginning with the 2006 Annual Conference session, a reception will be held following the clergy session of the conference. This session will be optional, of course, but will give us time as clergy to visit with one another, know one another better and possibly discuss each other's beliefs, convictions and concerns. We also believe that a great responsibility in this process should rest upon the voter to find out information on potential candidates either prior to or during breaks in Annual Conference sessions.
3. A letter will go out several months prior to the 2007 elections for the 2008 conferences explaining the process and encouraging diversity in the delegations.
4. The Presiding Bishop and/or Conference Secretary frequently will remind that all eligible persons are may be elected whether or not they have declared their candidacy.

Laity Delegation Elections Process

1. All lay persons who meet The Book of Discipline's requirements for election as a delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conferences (active participant of the United Methodist Church for at least four years and member of the United Methodist Church for at least two years) and who are willing to devote three weeks of the time to attend these conferences plus other days to meetings of the delegation may declare as a candidate for such election. Candidates have the option of placing a 100- word statement on the South Georgia Conference website concerning their interest, issues, and qualifications to be considered as a potential delegate. A picture will also be beneficial. The web-site information is intended to be sufficient and to preclude potential candidates or their supporters from sending other forms of campaign materials, printed and/or electronic such as brochures, flyers, emails, faxes, letters of endorsement, etc. The intent is to create a level playing field and to be fair to all potential candidates. Deadline for submission will be March 31, 2007. The following form will be used:

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____

Email _____

Local Church _____ District _____

Occupation _____

Youth _____ Young Adult _____ Adult _____

Statement (100 words or less): Statement could include qualifications, convictions thoughts on issues. Individuals who wish to obtain more information are encouraged to contact the candidate.

I wish to be considered as a delegate to the 2008 General and/or Jurisdictional Conferences.

Signature _____

Qualified individuals who do not declare their desire to stand for election before the stated deadline may announce their candidacy at the Laity Orientation Session.

2. Beginning with the 2006 Annual Conference session, a reception will be held following the laity session. Attendance at these sessions will be optional, of course, but will provide a time for laity to visit with each other, know one another better, and possibly discuss each other's beliefs, convictions and concerns. We also believe that a great responsibility in this process should rest with the voter to find out information on potential candidates either prior to or during breaks in the Annual conference sessions.
3. A letter will be sent several months prior to the 2007 elections of delegates to the 2008 conferences explaining the process and encouraging diversity in the delegation.

These recommendations do not preclude candidates introducing themselves during the 2007 Laity Orientation Session. The Board of Laity reserves the right and responsibility to make this decision.