

Annual Meeting Frequently Asked Questions

Who May Participate in the Annual Meeting?

All are welcome – friends, visitors, delegates, lay and ordained church leaders, everyone! We look forward to seeing you at this important Conference-wide gathering.

Why Attend the Meeting?

- To conduct the business of the New Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ.
- Join the other churches of the NH Conference in uplifting worship.
- Learn more about the Conference's Ministries & Mission Groups.
- Experience the prophetic witness of Rev. Traci Blackmon, Associate General Minister of Justice & Local Church Ministries of The United Church of Christ and Senior Pastor of Christ The King United Church of Christ in Florissant, MO., as she shares reflections on her life work and focus on communal resistance to systemic injustice.

Who is Authorized to Vote at the Meeting?

"Those authorized to vote at meetings of the Conference are those delegates duly appointed by the churches, the Conference officers, members of the Board of Directors, and each ordained, licensed, or commissioned minister with standing in a New Hampshire Association." (Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2)

Please be aware that "Each church is entitled to four (4) lay delegates, one (1) of whom shall be under twenty-five (25) years of age at the date of election.

Churches with more than one hundred (100) members shall be entitled to one (1) additional delegate for each one hundred (100) additional members or major fraction thereof." (Bylaws, Article VII, Section 3)

Who is Given Voice at the Meeting?

In addition to those mentioned in the previous question, special guests and those clergy who are serving without standing in an Association of the New Hampshire Conference may be granted voice during the meeting.

What is the Role of a Delegate to Annual Meeting?

- Vote and represent the local church at the Annual Meeting.
- Report back to the local congregation on the business and happenings of the Conference.
- A local church member to speak with about your views concerning current issues facing your church and the Conference.