

2020 Organizing Motions

MOTION #1

I move that this session of the annual conference be conducted as an online virtual session due to the continued health crisis related to the COVID-19 pandemic, as approved by the Bishop and a majority of the district superintendents, who may, as necessary change the place of annual conference pursuant to Paragraph 603.3 of the Book of Discipline.

David B. Russell

MOTION #2

I move that the bar of this annual conference session will include the registered lay and clergy delegates in this electronic (ZOOM) webinar and those delegates required to be present at Germantown United Methodist Church.

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MOTION #3

I move the official attendance record for this session of the Annual Conference be recorded from the confirmed online registrations and those clergy and lay delegates who are present in the virtual webinar or present at Germantown United Methodist Church.

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MOTION #4

I move all speakers, except those presenting reports from authorized bodies of this conference, be limited to three minutes.

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MOTION #5

I move the adoption of the agenda as published, subject to amendments by the Chair.

David B. Russell

MOTION #6

I move that those who are authorized to participate in the 181st session of the Memphis Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church [2016 BOD ss. 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606] on September 26, 2020, agree that they consent to proceed in a virtual Annual Conference session using remote technology; and that they further consent that all decisions made in this session have the same effect and authority as decisions made by an in-person session of the annual conference which is conducted under the Constitution of The United Methodist Church [Division Two, Section VI, Article 1 (para. 32); Article II (para. 33); Article III (para. 34); Article IV (para. 35); Article V (para.36)], under the laws of the Church, and under the Rules of Order of the Memphis Conference; and finally that they consent that all such decisions made in this session are and will be legal and binding actions of the 2020 Memphis Annual Conference.”

David B. Russell

MOTION #7

I move the election of the following to serve during this Annual Conference:
Assistant Secretary and Secretary of Proceedings: L. Ray Chandler.
Assistant Secretary for Minutes: Dean Emerson.
Assistant Secretary for Memorials: Nancy Johnston Varden.

David B. Russell

MOTION #8

All delegates are directed to read, understand and follow these guidelines for Christian/Holy Conferencing. These include:

- Respect and Pray for others.
- Listen and Understand others.
- Share your view with grace-humility-honesty-candor.
- Focus your comments on issues.
- Commit to the unity of the Spirit.
- Give time needed to work the process.
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