2019 Organizing Motions

MOTION #1
I move the Bar of the Conference be the three center pew sections on the main floor of the sanctuary at Collierville UMC. The Bar of the Conference will be closed. We are asking that during business sessions only credentialed delegates sit within the Bar of the Conference. All attendees who are not delegates are asked to sit in either of the two side sections in the sanctuary or in the balcony during business sessions. This measure will facilitate more accurate voice voting, the use of paper ballots for the resolution on creation of a new conference on Monday afternoon, and security of keypad voting devices on Tuesday.

David B. Russell

MOTION #2
I move the official attendance record for this session of the Annual Conference be recorded from the confirmed online registrations, and the clergy and lay registration forms turned in at the registration tables in the narthex of Collierville United Methodist Church.

David B. Russell

MOTION #3
I move all cell phones and other electronic devices be set in silent mode throughout the Annual Conference Session.

David B. Russell

MOTION #4
I move all speakers, except those presenting reports from authorized bodies of this conference, be limited to three minutes.

David B. Russell

MOTION #5
I move the adoption of the agenda as published, subject to amendments by the Chair, with the following made the Order of the Day at their announced time. All worship services, Clergy and Lay Sessions, Opening Session, Board of Pensions and Health Benefits report, Cabinet Resolutions including the creation of a new conference, Council on Finance and Administration (report #1 & report #2), Board of Laity report, Electronic voting orientation followed by First Ballot, Ballot after lunch recess.

David B. Russell

MOTION #6
The Memphis Conference Communications Team would like to remind all attendees that all gatherings -- worship, teaching and business sessions -- are being live-streamed. Anything you say is broadcast out for the entire world to see if they choose to tune in. Also, with today’s technology, there might be others present at the conference recording presentations and business sessions. Please remember to act and speak as if a camera or microphone is in front of you at all times. The worship and teaching sessions will be recorded so they can later be posted on the conference website and will be available for download. The business sessions are live-streamed but will not be posted on the website.

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. Head Teller: Jason Jones. Also, the election of those lay and clergy tellers as nominated by their districts.  

David B. Russell

MOTION #8

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

Respect others, Pray for others, Listen to others, Understand what others are saying, Share your own point of view with grace-humility-honesty-candor, Focus your comments on issues, Commit to the unity of the Spirit, Give the time needed to work through the process, Acknowledge that you may be wrong, Allow the fruit of the Spirit to permeate your way of interacting with others. 

David B. Russell