

DELEGATE ELECTION GUIDE



**TRINITY
CONFERENCE**

Global Methodist Church

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Thank you for serving in this important gathering to select clergy and lay delegates to represent Trinity at the 2026 Global Methodist General Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Election day is Saturday, September 6, 2025. Bishop Scott Jones will call the special session of our Annual Conference to order at 9 a.m. via Zoom webinar. Trinity Conference has received an estimated allocation of 26 delegates. We will elect 13 clergy and 13 lay delegates plus 7 alternate / reserve clergy and 7 alternate / reserve laity. The Trinity Conference has received a confirmed allocation of 3 lay and 3 clergy alternates. The final number of delegates will be allocated in February 2026, and adjustments will be made according to the order of election.

This election guide provides the essential steps to successfully participate in the special-called session and online voting process. Please read the following information carefully.

STEP 1

REGISTER TO VOTE

You MUST register to vote in the election on September 6 using the link below. Completing the form only takes a few minutes and will ensure you receive proper credentials to access the Zoom webinar and VPoll voting software on election day. Registration will close at midnight, Wednesday, September 3, 2025, and you will **not** be able to register on the morning of the election.

REGISTER NOW

STEP 2

DOWNLOAD CANDIDATE GUIDES

Clergy will elect clergy delegates, and laity will elect lay delegates to General Conference. Candidate guides for each category are available now for your prayerful review and discernment prior to the election. We've also created candidate rosters for quick reference during the election. You may download the candidate guides and rosters using the following links.

CLERGY GUIDE

CLERGY ROSTER

LAITY GUIDE

LAITY ROSTER

STEP 3

RECEIVE VOTING CREDENTIALS VIA EMAIL

A Zoom webinar link and unique voting credentials will be emailed to you by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 4, 2025. It is important that you save and print this email for quick reference when it is time to sign-in to vote on September 6. Set a reminder to check for this email when it is sent on the specified time and day shown above. Be sure to check your spam / junk folders if you cannot locate the email. Contact our election administrator with questions or issues regarding the credentials email:

Sarah Carter | Election administrator
281.503.4560 | scarter@trinitygmc.org

STEP 4

ACCESS RELIABLE WiFi / INTERNET

Since our general conference delegate election is entirely online, your successful participation depends on a strong WiFi or hard-wired Internet connection. For this reason, plan to be in a location with a strong Internet access — whether that is at home, church, etc. Starbucks and McDonald’s restaurants are known to offer reliable, free WiFi. Be sure to test connections ahead of time and have a “plan B” to access the Internet to ensure everything runs smoothly on election day.

STEP 5

PLAN TO USE TWO ELECTRONIC DEVICES

We strongly recommend using two (2) devices to adequately participate in the election — a laptop or tablet computer (iPad, ThinkPad, etc.) to view the Annual Conference Zoom webinar, and a tablet computer or mobile phone for voting using the VPoll voting app. If you don’t have two devices, you can access both required programs by opening multiple web browsers on one electronic device.

STEP 6

JOIN THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE ZOOM WEBINAR

The Annual Conference Zoom webinar will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 6, but we recommend you log-in 10-15 minutes early to allow for any delays in connection. Use the webinar link included in the email sent to you in Step 3 in these instructions. You will only use Zoom to see and hear the meeting, and if necessary, to ask questions in the Zoom chat. Voting will take place using the Vpoll app described below.

STEP 7

LOG-IN TO VPOLL.MOBI

VPoll is the special voting software we will use to cast ballots in the candidate election. You must enter the unique user credentials from the email mentioned in Step 3 above to access VPoll and vote for the candidates of your choice. After 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, September 6, use your mobile phone or another electronic device to either scan the QR code on the screen or go to vpoll.mobi and enter the access code. Then you can enter your last name and the ID number to select the session specified in the email from Step 3. You should then receive a confirmation screen telling you to wait for the question to be broadcasted. During the session, Bishop Jones will give specific instructions on how and when to vote.

HELP DESK

Live support will be available to each participant on election day. You can reach out for help at the following phone numbers beginning at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, September 6.

- Phone Support Line 1: 214.394.7909
- Phone Support Line 2: 318.502.0036
- Phone Support Line 3: 713.380.7497
- Text Support Line: 561.729.5173