

# Electoral College Knowledge

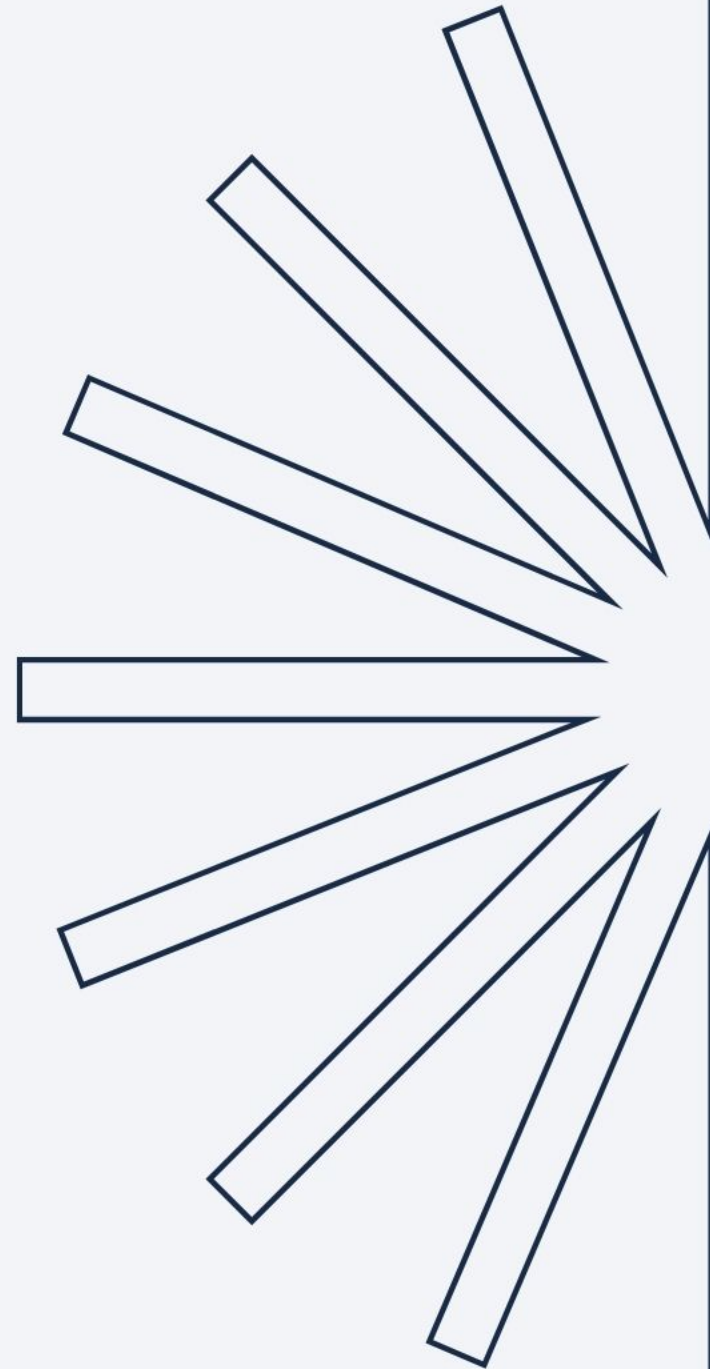
Who are the delegates?

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# Purpose

To gain an understanding of the process in which we elect delegates to the Electoral College and General Conference.





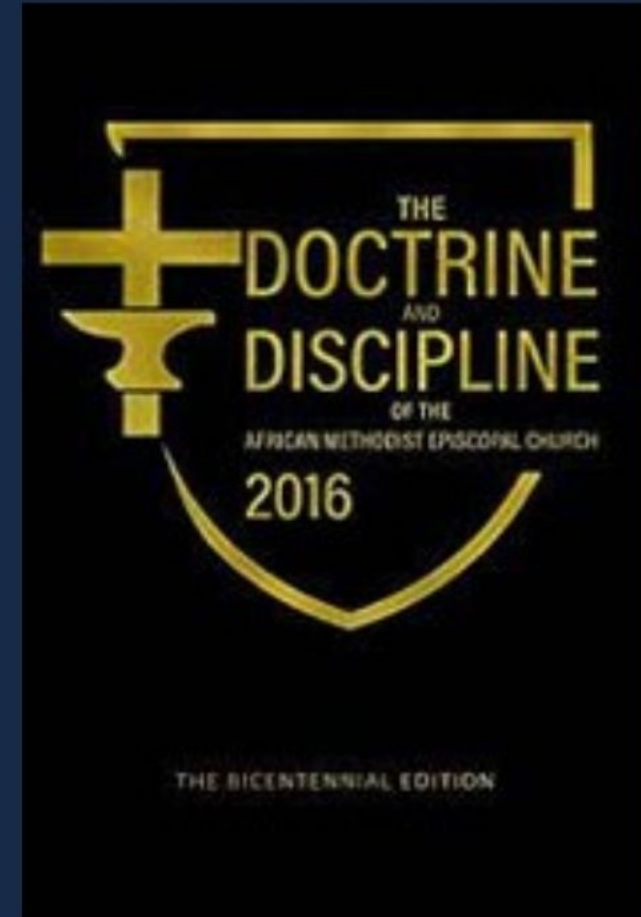
# What is the Electoral College?

Lay Electoral College - A body of laypersons elected from each station, circuit and mission in the Annual Conference whose purpose is to elect delegates to the General Conference, in accordance with *The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church*.

# What about clergy?

Qualified ministers hold an election separate from the Lay Electoral College to elect delegates to the General Conference.

# There's always a method...





# Qualifications

## LAY ELECTORAL COLLEGE DELEGATES

- Member in good and regular standing for at least the four years prior to General Conference
- Member of local church for six months prior to Electoral College Meeting
- Love for the church

# Electing Delegates to the Lay Electoral College

- **Where?**

Local Church Conference

- **When?**

At least three months prior to the Electoral College Meeting

- **Who?**

Two delegates from each local church should be elected: One adult (18 and up), and one young adult (18-35). The young adult should be elected by the young adult members in a separate setting.



# Electing Delegates to General Conference

**Ministers and Lay Electoral College delegates that aspire to become General Conference delegates must submit their intent to the Bishop's office.**

**The elections of General Conference delegates will occur at the Annual Conference prior to General Conference.**

**The ministers and the Lay Electoral College will meet in separate settings.**



# **Now, why do I want to be a delegate to the Lay Electoral College?**

**I want to attend the General Conference as an ELECTED Delegate or Alternate.**

**I want to help elect the delegates and alternates that will represent our conference at General Conference.**

# **Important Dates for the East Conference**

**October 18th**

**148th Session of the East Annual Conference**

**July 18th**

**Deadline for the election of Lay Electoral College delegates**

**April 18th**

**Local church full membership established**



# What happens at the Lay Electoral College?

**The sole purpose of the Lay Electoral College is to elect qualified delegates and alternates to the General Conference.**



# Let's Discuss

