

## 2020 Organizational Resolutions for Dakotas Annual Conference 27th Session

1. The online agenda, published on September 14, 2020, is the official agenda. Adjustments are made throughout the session as necessary. All requests for additional items to be placed on the agenda shall be emailed to the agenda coordinator, Duane Coates (dcoates70@yahoo.com), at least 48 hours before the start of Annual Conference session.
2. The session will be a webinar format. The boundaries of the Annual Conference shall be established through secure links provided for clergy and lay members to join virtually. Voting members log on through these links. During Plenary Sessions all non-voting persons, including spouses of clergy and lay members, will be able to view the session live on Facebook or through the Dakotas Conference website. Lay representatives from non-chartered new church starts, Elisha and Samuel Project interns (who are not lay members), retired clergy persons who have served churches of the Dakotas Conference but who are members of other annual conferences, and special guests of the Bishop will join via open livestream link. Any non-members participating at hosted sites shall not have voice or vote, except for those non-members whom the Sessions Committee has extended temporary speaking privileges. Those privileges shall be for the restricted purpose of making presentations on agenda items.
3. The District Superintendents shall receive and relay to the presiding officer all requests of members to be excused from the Annual Conference Session. Those names will be printed in the journal.
4. Voting will take place electronically through the polling feature, within the webinar platform.
5. Voice — To be recognized during plenary, members must seek recognition through the Q&A feature within the webinar platform. In doing so, please state the purpose of the request, such as to speak for a motion, against a motion, ask for a point of clarification or information, point of order, etc. The member recognized will then be asked to select the raise-your-hand feature to enter as a speaker.
  - a. Moderators will bring questions to the attention of the presiding officer.
  - b. When requesting recognition, please state the request concisely and clearly and refer to the agenda item, if applicable.
  - c. If you are recognized to speak by the presiding officer, you will present with audio only— other people will hear you but not see you.
6. Floor speakers are requested to state name, church or organization, and relationship to the body — “Sally Jones, Sioux Falls First UMC, lay member.” Floor speeches are limited to three minutes.
7. Requests for personal points of privilege shall be submitted to the agenda coordinator through the Q&A of the online platform.
8. The following persons shall be given the privilege of voice and vote during plenary session:
  - a. Clergy and laity as defined in Par. 602 of the 2016 Book of Discipline and

Rule 6.11 in the Dakotas Conference Rules and Policies found in the Conference Journal

- b. Clergy from other denominations serving in Dakotas United Methodist Churches who have been granted voice and voting privileges by the clergy session per Question 25 in the Business of the Annual Conference.
9. Announcements shall be submitted through the Q&A of the online platform. They will be shared by the presiding officer or Conference secretary during the session if time allows or following the session through Conference communication channels.
10. All reports from conference and other related agencies are published in the conference workbook. Permission must be secured from the agenda coordinator at least 48 hours in advance of the Annual Conference session before any other printed materials may be distributed. Materials must be submitted in a digital format (pdf).
11. The consent calendar shall be those items listed on the consent calendar Section 2 of the conference workbook. Requests to lift items from the consent calendar must be submitted to the conference secretary by email ([conference.secretary@dakotasumc.org](mailto:conference.secretary@dakotasumc.org)) at least 48 hours before the opening of session. In the request list the specific item number you are requesting to be lifted and the names and e-mail addresses of at least 15 voting members that agree with the request.
12. Any proposals to change legislation, such as amendments, must be submitted electronically to the conference secretary through the Q&A feature, using the strikethrough feature for removing information from the legislation and underlining new proposed language.