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RE: 2009 GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATES

The purpose of this memo from the Board of General Superintendents is to help you prepare for the election of delegates to the 2009 General Assembly in Orlando, Florida, U.S.A. The provisions for the election of General Assembly delegates from your district assembly are stated in the 2005-2009 *Manual*, paragraphs 203.23 and 301-301.5.

Since some of the district assemblies will be held soon, the Board of General Superintendents feels that it is not too early to begin thinking about procedures for election of delegates. Therefore, we are enclosing a suggested report of the Nominating Committee which will recommend the procedures to follow for the election of the appropriate delegates from your district.

In addition to these guidelines, the Board of General Superintendents has asked that nominating committees be instructed that all active, assigned ordained ministers, including deacons and those related to educational institutions, be taken into consideration as possible nominees to General Assembly.

If a district grows in number and reaches another membership level immediately before the General Assembly, additional delegates may be named. The first alternate delegates previously elected should fill the additional places for delegates. If the assembly desires, they may fill their quota of alternate delegates. In areas where there is difficulty in obtaining visas, districts are to elect twice the number of needed alternates.

In accordance with *Manual* paragraph 301.4, any retired minister is ineligible to be nominated as a delegate or alternate.

A district licensed minister is also ineligible to be elected as either a ministerial or lay delegate.

Since all three conventions (NMI, NYI, SSM) are held at the same time, a person may not serve as a delegate for more than one convention.

It seems appropriate to suggest further that in nominating qualified delegates the Nominating Committee would do well to remember to be gender inclusive and cultural diverse.

If you have questions concerning procedures for the election of General Assembly delegates, please direct your inquiries and forms to your regional or field office. That office will forward final Certificate of Election forms to the General Secretary for processing. Please know that you are highly respected and appreciated by the Board of General Superintendents. God bless you.

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ELECTION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATES
PHASE 3 DISTRICTS

In the election of delegates to the General Assembly, the Nominating Committee recommends the following procedures:

1. Ministerial Delegate(s)

- a. That a nominating ballot be presented to the district assembly containing six times the number of active, assigned ordained ministers to be elected by the assembly; and that they recommend to the assembly that after the nominating ballot, the number of nominees be reduced for the elective ballot to no more than three times the number to be elected, in order of votes received (*Manual* paragraph 203.23).
- b. That from the above electing ballot, the allowable number of ministerial delegates shall be elected by plurality vote.
- c. That the allowable number of ministerial delegates shall be determined by *Manual* stipulation (*Manual* paragraph 301.1), **less one**, inasmuch as the district superintendent is a delegate by virtue of the office (*Manual* 203.23).

2. Ministerial Alternate Delegate(s)

- a. That one ballot be taken on the remaining nominees (above), and they shall be declared ministerial alternate delegates, in order of votes received.
- b. That the district assembly elect alternates equal to the total number of ministerial delegates allowed, including the district superintendent (*Manual* paragraph 203.23).

3. Lay Delegate(s)

- a. That a nominating ballot be presented to the district assembly containing six times the number of lay members to be elected by the assembly (*Manual* paragraph 301.1); and that they recommend to the assembly that after the nominating ballot, the number of nominees be reduced for the elective ballot to no more than three times the number to be elected (*Manual* paragraphs 203.23, 301.1).
- b. That from the above electing ballot, the allowable number of lay delegates shall be elected by plurality vote.

4. Lay Alternate Delegate(s)

- a. That one ballot be taken on the remaining nominees (above), and the authorized number shall be declared lay alternate delegates, in order of votes received.
- b. That the district assembly elect alternates equal to the total number of lay delegates allowed.

ELECTION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATES
PHASE 2 DISTRICTS

1. Ministerial Delegate

That no ballot be presented to the district assembly for this delegate, since the district is eligible for one ministerial delegate, which will be the district superintendent (*Manual* paragraph 301.2).

2. Ministerial Alternate Delegate

- a. That a nominating ballot be presented to the district assembly containing six names of active, assigned ordained ministers, of which one will be elected as a ministerial alternate delegate to the district superintendent.
- b. That the ministerial alternate delegate shall be elected by plurality vote.

3. Lay Delegate

- a. That a nominating ballot be presented to the district assembly containing six names of lay members of the district, of which one will be elected by the assembly (*Manual* paragraph 301.2); and that they recommend to the assembly that after the nominating ballot, the number of nominees be reduced for the elective ballot to no more than three names, in order of votes received, since only one will be elected.
- b. That from the above electing ballot, the lay delegate shall be elected by plurality vote.

4. Lay Alternate Delegate

That one ballot be taken on the remaining nominees above, and that one person shall be declared a lay alternate delegate, in order of votes received.

PHASE 1 DISTRICTS

1. Ministerial Delegate (nonvoting)

That no ballot be presented to the district assembly for this delegate, since the district is eligible for one ministerial nonvoting delegate, which shall be the district superintendent, providing he or she holds his or her membership on the district (*Manual* paragraph 301.3).

2. Alternate Delegate (nonvoting)

- a. That a ballot may need to be taken to elect an alternate for a nonvoting delegate, only if the district superintendent does **not** hold his or her membership on the district. In this case, the alternate delegate would then be elected according to the instructions given below.
- b. That a nominating ballot be presented to the district assembly containing six names, of which one will be elected by plurality vote as an alternate delegate (nonvoting), to the district superintendent.