

Special Session Voting Information Packet

(Cover letter from Rev. Clark Atkins, Arkansas Conference Secretary)

January 6, 2022

Epiphany Greetings to all,

As the Secretary to the Arkansas Annual Conference, I want to thank those of you who have already registered and welcome those who haven't registered to attend the Called Special Session of the Arkansas Annual Conference on January 11, 2022, at 7 pm CST.

This Special Called Session will be held in an online format only (zoom webinar) for all current clergy members of the Arkansas Annual Conference, including appointed local pastors. Lay members authorized to participate are those lay members or alternates who attended the 2021 Annual Conference Session either online or in person, as provided by ¶602.5 of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church. Any lay member unable to attend because of death, serious illness, or cessation of membership who an alternate cannot replace to the 2021 Annual Conference Session may be replaced by a duly elected lay member to the 2022 Annual Conference Session.

If you have not registered yet, please do so here:

https://arumc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9clOBB7BRk-KiREsd6QeGw

If you feel that you or someone else should be approved to participate but have been denied, please reach out to the ARUMC Annual Conference Registrar, Melissa Sanders, at msanders@arumc.org.

To maintain an open meeting to all, the Special Session will be aired live on Facebook at 7 pm CST on January 11 on the ARUMC Facebook page found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/arkansasumc>.

Links are provided below to all of the materials for the Special Called Session. These are the only items before the Called Session and are also available on the [ARUMC website](#):

- [Session Rules](#)
- [Legislation](#)
- [Resolution #1](#)
- [Resolution #2](#)
- [FAQ from the United Methodist Church](#)
- [Updated Arkansas Conference Financial Statement](#)

Please send ANY questions you may have to Jim Polk, Assistant to the Bishop and Director of the Center for Connectional Ministries, at jim.polk@arumc.org. If questions are received promptly, clarification regarding the questions can be worked into presentations at the Special Session.



Please join me in prayer for all of the work surrounding the Special Session to be for the glory of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Clark Atkins,
Secretary to the Arkansas Annual Conference