

Here are 12 General Conference Legislative Committees and their assigned topic areas.

- 1 Church and Society 1:** This committee will receive all petitions and resolutions relating to the work and concerns of the General Board of Church and Society and the Social Principles, with the exception of paragraphs in The Book of Discipline dealing with "The Nurturing Community" and "The Social Community."
- 2 Church and Society 2:** This committee receives all petitions and resolutions relating to "The Nurturing Community" and "The Social Community" sections of the Social Principles.
- 3 Conferences:** This committee shall receive all petitions and resolutions relating to the composition and activities of the General, jurisdictional, annual, provisional, missionary and district conferences.
- 4 Discipleship:** This committee receives all petitions and resolutions relating to the work and concerns of Discipleship Ministries go to this committee.
- 5 Faith and Order:** All petitions relating to "Doctrinal Standards and Our Theological Task," "The Ministry of All Christians" and the meaning of ordination and conference membership.
- 6 Financial Administration:** This committee receives all petitions and resolutions relating to the work and concerns of the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA), the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits, and the United Methodist Publishing House. The budget and recommendations prepared by GCFA are submitted to this committee for study and review. When GCFA presents its report to the General Conference for action, the committee presents its recommendations and may propose amendments.
- 7 General Administration:** This committee receives all petitions and resolutions relating to the work and concerns of the Connectional Table. The Connectional Table report is submitted to this committee for study and review. After the Connectional Table presents its report to the General Conference for action, the committee presents its recommendations and may propose amendments.
- 8 Global Ministries:** All petitions and resolutions relating to the work and concerns of the General Board of Global Ministries go to this committee.

- 9 Independent Commissions:** This committee receives all petitions and resolutions relating to commissions and ecumenical concerns. The commissions include Archives and History, Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, Communications, Religion and Race, the Status and Role of Women, and United Methodist Men. Ecumenical concerns relate to the denomination's membership in or relationship with the World Methodist Council, the World Council of Churches, other councils and consultations of churches, and the American Bible Society.
- 10 **Judicial Administration:** All petitions and resolutions relating to judiciary concerns and investigations, trials and appeals are handled by this committee.
- 11 **Local Church Ministry:** This committee receives all petitions and resolutions relating to the organization of the local church and its membership, programs, boards, councils, commissions and committees. The committee also considers petitions relating to local church property.
- 12 **Higher Education and Superintendency:** This newly combined committee receives all petitions and resolutions pertaining to higher education and ministry, which deals with petitions concerning seminaries, ordination and clergy, and superintendency, which handles petitions concerning district superintendents and bishops.

There are eight Eastern PA Conference delegates and two alternates; so not every committee will have an Eastern PA Conference delegate in the legislative committee discussions.

The 2016 EPAC General Conference Delegation is comprised of 8 delegates, 4 four clergy and four laity plus two alternates one clergy and one laity. The delegates each chose a legislative committee to be part of on the day of election.

The four remaining committees will be covered by our alternates and delegates from other conferences who will keep our delegation apprised of discussions and disposition of legislation.

Eastern PA Conference Delegation Assignments to General Conference Legislative Committees

Church and Society 1 Clarita Krall

Church and Society 2 Aaron Smith

Conferences

Discipleship Judy Ehninger

Faith and Order Jeff Raffauf

Financial Administration

General Administration Dawn Taylor-Storm

Global Ministries Krystl Johnson

Independent Commissions

Judicial Administration Lydia Munoz

Local Church Ministry

Higher Education and Superintendency Joe DiPaolo

How Legislative Committees Work

A legislative committee can recommend adoption, rejection or referral of a petition to a plenary session. That recommendation is called a “calendar item.” The item is assigned a number and printed in the Daily Christian Advocate, which will also be available in electronic publication format for tablet devices.

If a proposal has no financial implications, seeks no change in the constitution and receives fewer than 10 negative votes in the legislative committee, it goes on a “consent calendar.” A vote of 20 delegates is needed to remove it from the consent calendar. If it is not removed, it is voted on with other noncontroversial items, which conserves precious floor time in the plenary session.

Daily the EPA Delegation will meet to be sure all delegates are aware

of what is going to be presented on the “consent calendar” and what will actually come to the floor of a plenary session. Each delegate will share an update of activity in their respective legislative committees.