I. Meetings

1. The 2020 Annual Conference Session will be a virtual conference and not in-person (face to face), presented through a Zoom webinar format. The webinar will also be live streamed.
2. The 2020 Annual Conference session will meet at the following times for the following purposes:
   - Clergy Session: October 13, 2020, 9:00 am to 11:00 am
   - Plenary Session: October 13, 2020, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
   - Memorial Service: October 14, 2020, 10:00 am
   - Ordination Service: October 14, 2020, 2:00 pm

II. Organization

1. The 2020 Annual Conference shall convene only to transact business as required by the Discipline of the United Methodist Church and act upon matters deemed essential for the conducting of annual conference business until the 2021 Annual Conference Session.
2. The “Bar of the Conference” shall be the duly elected members of the annual conference, registered for the 2020 Annual Conference Session.
3. Members of the 2020 Annual Conference session shall be those persons who would have served in the regular session in June of 2020 had it not been postponed.
4. Members of the Annual Conference for the rest of the quadrennium will be elected in the District Meetings of 2021 in preparation for the 2021 Annual Conference Session.
5. The agenda of the 2020 Annual Conference Session will be published in advance in as many formats as possible, and will not include resolutions other than business deemed essential.
6. Voting will take place during the Plenary Session. Registered members of the annual conference will be sent an email with a link to vote electronically. Those who cannot vote electronically will vote at a satellite location.
7. Votes will be taken in the format of yes, no, or abstain. There will be no amendments and no debate. Ballot totals will be reported before adjourning the plenary session.

III. Attendance

1. Attendance of the members of the conference is expected except in cases of emergency. Those requesting to be excused must make the request in writing to the Conference Secretary.
2. In the case of the anticipated absence of Local Church Lay Members, arrangement should be made to have the Local Church Alternate Lay Member registered.
3. In the case of the anticipated absence of a District Lay Equalizing member, the district office should be contacted so an alternate may be appointed. District Lay Equalizing Members who will be absent may not arrange their own alternates.

IV. Access

1. Members of the annual conference are responsible for ensuring that all necessary technology is in place and working properly to participate in the Zoom webinar or watch by live stream.
2. For those who do not have access to the necessary technology, each district will arrange at least one location to view the proceedings by Zoom webinar or live stream.

V. Rules

1. These rules apply only to the 2020 Annual Conference Session.
2. At the adjournment of the 2020 session, the Rules of Order approved at the 2019 Annual Conference Session will once again become the Rules of Order until the 2021 Annual Conference Session.