

## **2020 Annual Conference Organizing Motions from the Conference Secretary**

In order to organize our virtual conference, we need to approve three motions – one related to our agenda, one related to the bar of our conference and one related to our secretarial staff. We will vote on all three motions as one polling question on Zoom.

The first motion is from the Annual Conference Planning Team about the agenda. The agenda is limited this year to essential voting items. There are two orders of the day: The Retirement Recognition Service at 11:30 AM and The Service of Remembrance at 1:30 PM.

### **Agenda:**

As Conference Secretary, I move that the Detailed Agenda for the 2020 Florida Annual Conference posted on the conference website is the agenda.

### **Bar of the Conference**

As Conference Secretary, I move that those present through the Zoom Webinar be designated as the Bar of the Conference. Voting will take place through the Zoom polling application. Debate, comments and questions will only be taken through Zoom.

### **Nominations for Administrative Assistants**

As Conference Secretary, I make the following nominations for our administrative assistants for the 2020 annual conference session:

<b>Conference Secretary:</b>	Rev. Elizabeth Gardner
<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	Rev. Patricia Aupperlee
<b>Journal Committee:</b>	Jim Luther, Sandy Voigt
<b>Parliamentarian:</b>	Robert Grizzard

Bishop Carter, I move these organizing motions be approved.

**Poll Question:** The organizing motion from our Conference Secretary to set the agenda, organize the bar and approve the nominations for administrative assistants is before you.

Do you approve the organizing motions as presented?

**Poll Answer Choices:** Yes / No

### **Some announcements from the Annual Conference Secretary:**

#### **Authority of Procedure**

The authority for procedure of the 2020 Virtual Florida Annual Conference is the following: (a) the 2016 Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church: (b) the Standing Rules of the Florida Annual Conference, 2019 Journal, page 229 and (c) Robert's Rules of Order.

### **Recognition by the Bishop**

If you wish to address the conference, we ask that you type in the Q and A section on Zoom the specific words: Request to Speak and the reason you are requesting to speak (Point of Order, Make a Motion, Amend a Motion, Speech For, Speech Against, etc). Those monitoring the Q and A section on Zoom will be watching and taking note of the order of persons seeking recognition. Please be patient. The Bishop may grant you the floor according to the order of your recognition AND the debate process found in the Standing Rules.

### **Webcast of Plenary and Worship Sessions**

I remind you that guests can follow the proceedings on our livestream webcast. If you have family or church members that are interested in the proceedings of annual conference, let them know of the link on our Conference website.

### **Words of Thanks and Appreciation**

The Program Committee would like to thank all of the persons who have worked so hard to make this virtual event possible this week. To the Cabinet, the Conference Staff, the staff and volunteers in each of our District Offices, and to all of the volunteers, we thank you for all of your labors on our behalf.

**Bishop, we are in order, and ready for the conduct of our business.**