

GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE DELEGATIONS

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One of the loose ends from the merger of the Tennessee and Memphis conferences is the composition of your delegations to the General and Southeastern Jurisdictional conferences. As provided by the Plan of Merger and the *Discipline*, persons elected to those conferences continue to serve through the next General and SEJ conference. But even though your delegates from the former Memphis and Tennessee conferences were elected pre-merger, we are coordinating our work and continue to pray for one another and meet periodically by Zoom in order to stay abreast of information and expectations regarding our roles. Each delegate prepares in their own way, and there are multiple resources from which to glean the latest facts, which we collectively attempt to distinguish from the rumors du jour.

Over the past year, the delegation prepared for an abbreviated virtual General Conference called for May 2021, which was subsequently canceled, and the next General Conference scheduled for August 29–September 6, 2022, in Minneapolis, which has also been postponed until 2024. You can keep up with the latest news, legislation, and other resources at <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020>.

A virtual Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference was held July 21, 2021, when the official vote on the formation of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference finally happened, bringing this new conference into existence as of January 1, 2022

We are grateful for the trust you have placed in us and remain committed to serving faithfully.