# The Annual Conference

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The Annual Conference is convened annually by each Episcopal District in the connection to address the mission, resources, personnel and property administration. The Presiding Bishop serves as president over all conferences in the district.

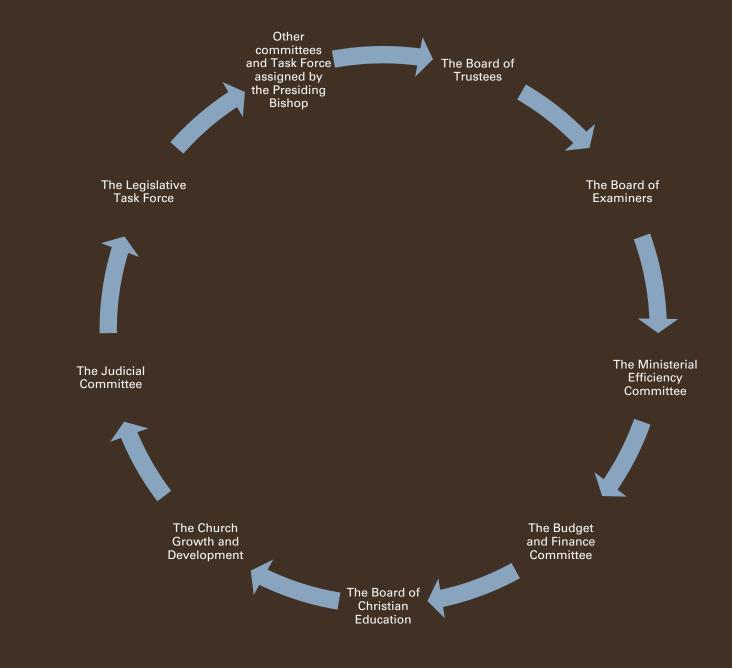
The Seventh
Episcopal District
consist of 6 Annual
Conferences:

Palmetto SC Annual Conference South Carolina
Annual Conference

Columbia SC Annual Conference Central SC Annual Conference

Northeast SC Annual Conference

Piedmont SC Annual Conference The Boards and committees of the Annual Conference



#### Basic facts about the Annual Conference and its committees/boards

The Presiding Bishop is the <u>president</u> over all Annual Conferences in the District.

The <u>Annual Conference hears the reports</u> of the various organizations of the church and the districts. ie., pastors report, auxiliaries report, and other reports on the life of the church.

Takes Attendance: all Annual conference deacons and elders are required to attend and answer the roll call. If absent for 2 consecutive years, they are referred to the ministerial efficiency committee regarding their status with the Annual Conference.

The Annual Conference opens with the setting of boundaries, and the Bishop appointment of all committee members except the Finance Committee which will be nominated and elected by the Annual Conference. The presentation and adoption of the agenda to expedite business of the conference, select its officers, ie., Recording secretary, secretary, statisticians, and treasurer.

At least one Bishop must be present and preside at each annual conference. A president protem can be appointed the Presiding President by the Bishop.

The Annual Conference reviews preacher's retirement, preacher's conduct, resignations, dismissals, and temporary assignment in another denomination not to exceed 2 years. (pg. 158)

### Annual Conference facts and information

Preacher's conduct and characters are assessed by the Conference. If character not passed, a referral is made to the ministerial efficiency committee for resolution.

The Annual Conference hears pastoral reports, literary reports, committee and board reports for approval.

The Annual Conference reads appointments which begins the next conference year.

The Board of Christian Education is organized in the Annual Conference.

The Annual Conference sets the boundaries of the conference and designate the place where the next conference will be held.

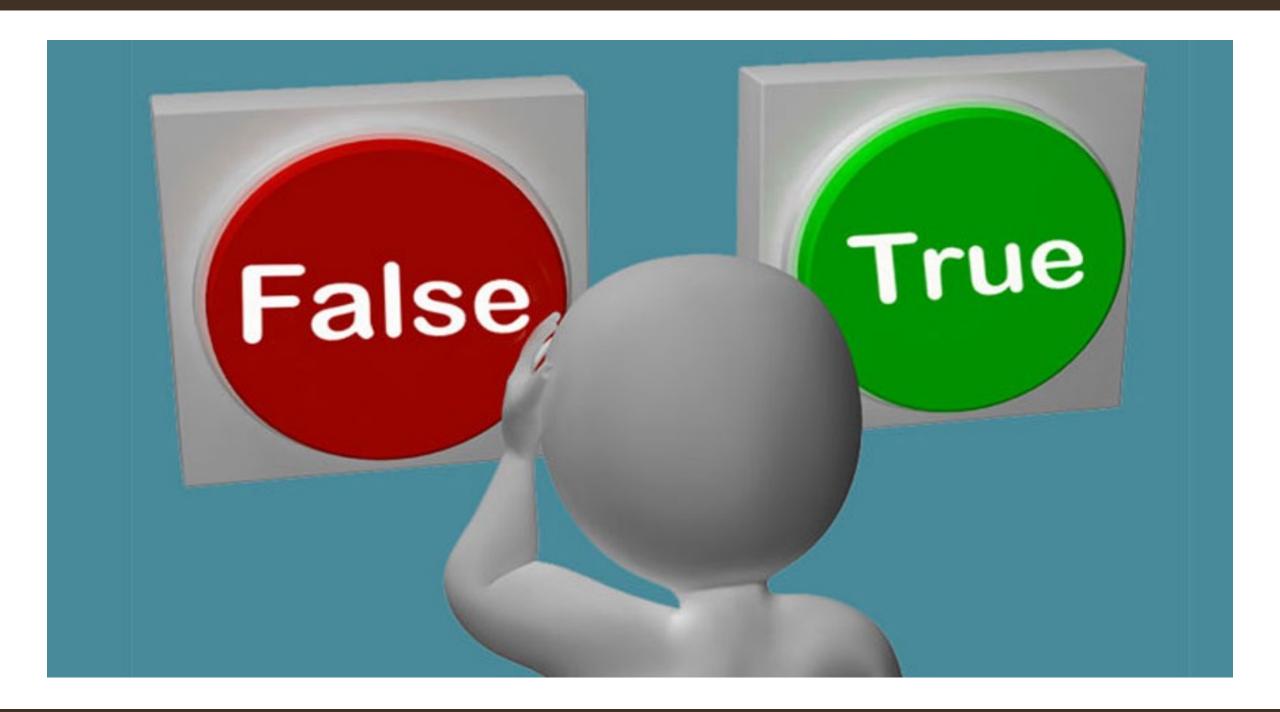
The Annual Conference Finance Committee's report must be finalized withing two weeks after the close of the conf. Ministers who fail to make their finance report are referred to the ministerial efficiency committee for examination and resolution.

The Board of Trustees, persons 30 years or older and in good standing are elected. (pg. 273)
This board assess church mortgages and loans, transfer of property, article of incorporation, security of properties of the annual conference.

The Board of Examiners dean, committee on instructions, etc. are appointed by the Annual Conference.

All A.C. reports/records of its proceeding to the General Conference for Examination and Approval.







The Annual Conference elects its officers by majority vote and shall adopt rules and regulations not in conflict with the Book of Discipline.

## **True**

The composition of the annual Conference includes only the following: Itinerant Elders, Deacons, (including Chaplains), Local Elders and Deacons.



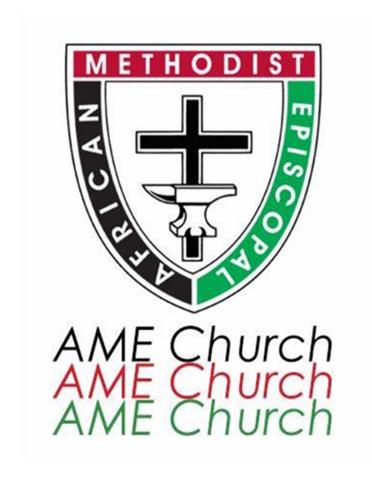
**False** 

The composition of the annual Conference includes all of the following: Itinerant Elders, and deacons, (including Chaplains), local elders and deacons, Presidents of the Conference Lay, WMS, Christian Education, MCAM, WIM, SOA, YPD, RAYAC, CONN-M-SWAWO, CDMC, All conference level leaders of Connectional Organizations together with one elected lay member, and one elected lay person between the ages of 18 to 35, when possible, from each charge within its bounds.

The Annual Conference year begins when the appointments are read in the Post Conference.

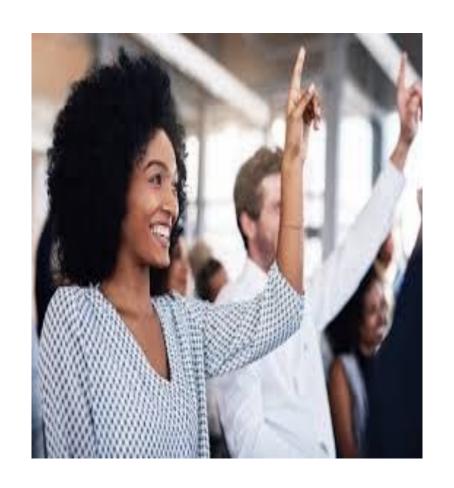


The Annual Conference year begins when the appointments are read at the conclusion of the **Annual Conference and** shall continue until they are read at the next session.



The officers of the **Annual Conference are:** the Presiding Bishop, recording secretary, the engrossing secretary, statistical secretary, and treasurer.

TRUE



The conference will adopt an agenda prepared by the Presiding Bishop, Presiding Elders, and any other selected by the Bishop.



TRUE

The Presiding Bishop, unless otherwise ordered, shall appoint all committees, to include the Finance Committee, and the Judiciary Committee.

# **False**

The Presiding Bishop, unless otherwise ordered, shall appoint all committees, except the Finance Committee, and the Judiciary Committee, which shall be nominated and elected by the Annual Conference. (Ref. Part XVI, section VII, C,3. Trial Committee and Judicial Committee of the Annual Conference.)

All members of the annual conference who are unable to attend must report by letter, stating the reason for his or her absence.



## TRUE

All travel and other expenses associated with Annual Conference are the responsibility of the Pastor and the Delegate.

False

Travel and other expenses associated with the Annual conference are paid by the local church.

