

Electing Lay Delegates and Lay Alternates to Convention

Q: How many lay delegates are we allowed?

A: 2 delegates for the first 100 communicants plus 1 additional delegate for each additional 100 communicants or fraction thereof. Per Constitution Article III Section 2. (C) "Lay delegates from each Parish and Mission in union with Convention. Each such Parish and Mission shall be entitled to be represented by two lay delegates and in addition thereto, another lay delegate for each additional one hundred communicants or fraction thereof as established by the last Parochial Report duly filed before the annual meeting of the electing Parish or Mission."

Communicants means total number of communicants in good standing as reported on your parochial report of the previous year (in the 2024 Parochial Report it is line #11). For example, if your last filed Parochial Reported number is 100, then the number of delegates is 2. If the number is 101, the number of delegates is 3.

Q: Do we need to elect lay alternates?

A: Yes, per Constitution Article III, Section 3, "Alternate lay delegates shall be elected at the annual meeting of each Parish and Mission in such number so as to insure full representation of the Parish or Mission at each meeting of the Convention. ...The order of substitution of the alternates shall be determined by their Parish or Mission." Experience has taught us that almost always there will be a delegate or more who will not be able to attend. A lot can happen after January.

Q: How many lay alternates should we elect?

A: We suggest electing as many alternates as you have delegates.

Q: What are the criteria for being a lay delegate?

A: Lay delegates must be at least 16 years of age and a communicant of the congregation which they represent. (Per Article III, Section 2(C) of the TECH Diocesan Constitution). A "communicant" is defined in the TEC General Canons I.17.3.

Q: If I am elected, what are my responsibilities?

A: To attend the Annual Meeting of the Convention ([October 17, 2026](#)) and any special meetings of the Convention ([May 16, 2026](#)). [The Transitions Committee is strongly recommending attendance at one or more of the Ke Aloha Kākou \(meet and greet of finalists\). Go to the \[Bishop Search and Transition website\]\(#\) for more details.](#)

To ensure full representation of your congregation at these meetings (per Sec. 2.5 and 2.6 of the TECH Diocesan Canons), inform your Clergy-in-Charge (or if none, the Senior/Bishop's Warden) if you are unable to attend a meeting, and to review all documents (including the budget and resolutions) that are sent out in preparation of the Annual Meeting. Each congregation may have other requirements, such as, attendance at congregational and/or regional meetings prior to the Annual Meeting.

Q: Do I need each elected person's contact information, or can I use the church's?

A: Please use the elected person's contact information, not the church's. If someone

does not have an email address, you can use none@none.com.