

Amend ¶ 35 and ¶321.2 for consistency as follows:

¶ **35. Article IV.**—The clergy delegates to the General Conference and to the jurisdictional or central conference shall be elected from the clergy members in full connection; and associate members, and shall be elected by the clergy members of the annual conference or provisional annual conference who are deacons and elders in full connection, associate members, and those provisional members who have completed all of their educational requirements and local pastors who have completed course of study or an M. Div. degree and have served a minimum of two consecutive years under appointment immediately preceding the election.

¶321.2. Associate members may serve on any board, commission, or committee of an annual conference. They shall ~~not~~ be eligible for election as delegates to the General or jurisdictional or central conferences.

RATIONALE:

The reality is that a significant number of licensed clergy have no voice or vote at General Conference. This change would expand the pool of those clergy members eligible to serve. Associate Members have been examined and approved by the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Annual Conference.

Note: This implementing change will be effective if and when the Council of Bishops certifies the enactment of the enabling changes in the Constitution.