

Amend: ¶321.1 and ¶602.1. c) *for consistency as follows:*

¶321.1 Associate members shall have a right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except ~~the following: (a) constitutional amendments; (b)~~ all matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy.

¶602.1. c) Associate clergy members shall have the right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except ~~constitutional amendments,~~ and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy. When associate members are members of the conference Board of Ordained Ministry, they have the right to vote at clergy session on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy (¶ 635.1).

Rationale:

Associate Members, having been examined by Board of Ordained Ministry, approved by the Clergy Session, and having completed all other qualifications should be eligible to vote on Constitutional amendments that same as all laity, elders and deacons. They should not be treated as 2nd class clergy members.