

Are YOU interested in being a District Lay Equalization Member to Annual Conference?

In preparation for the 10th Session of The Upper New York Annual Conference, and in accordance with Book of Discipline, we will need a number of Equalization Members for our Annual Conference session in Syracuse, New York from **June 5-8, 2019**.

Please note that the Clergy and Laity Sessions will take place on Wednesday, June 5! You will need to attend that as well as Thursday-Saturday sessions.

In order to fulfill our obligation to equalize our voting membership, each District Superintendent will be working with his/her District Lay Leader to recruit and invite **27** Equalization Members. This should include the following:

- At least one young person between the ages of 12 and 17 (we would like 8 youth)
- At least one young person between the ages of 18 and 30
- Any Certified Lay Ministers (CLM) and/or Lay Supply Pastors serving in local churches within the District
- Seminary students, including declared and certified candidates for ministry

In keeping with the proposed rules for appointing Equalization Lay Members, "Youth (in consultation with district youth leadership) should be given a priority for at least one-third of these memberships..." *All Equalization Members must be professing members of The United Methodist Church.* **Each Equalization Member is responsible for registering for the Annual Conference sessions.** Another suggestion is that in the case of multiple point charges (where only one lay member from the charge is authorized to attend), the congregation not represented could suggest a name to attend as an equalization member.

If you are interested in being a Lay Equalization Member to Annual Conference, please fill out the attached application. If someone doesn't have e-mail, please let us know and we will mail them an application (or you can give them one!). You will be notified if you have been accepted so that you can begin the registration process. **Do not register until you have been notified of acceptance as a delegate.** If any pastor or lay person would like to suggest a name or if they have someone interested as a youth equalization member, please contact the District Office.



Your church must send a Lay Member to AC in order to send an Equalization Member.
The Lay Member must be noted on your application for it to be accepted.

Registration is \$85 for Equalization Members. Hotel accommodations for up to three nights will be reimbursed as follows: Genesee Grande & Crown Plaza - \$50/night; all other hotels – 50% of cost/night. Equalization Members will not be reimbursed for travel.

Youth Equalization members will NOT be charged for registration nor will they be charged for their hotel IF THEY STAY in the assigned block of rooms for youth – please contact the District Office.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie in the District Office.

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