

Who can vote at called church conference?

Clergy

1. Current clergy who are appointed by the Bishop – Elders, Deacons, Provisional Elders, Provisional Deacons, Associate Members, and Licensed Local Pastors and are members of the Florida Conference (*paragraphs 244.3, 246.2, 252.5, 258.7, and 321-322*) – **YES**
2. Appointed Lay Supply and members of another conference or denomination (*paragraph 321 – 322*) - **NO**
3. Clergy who are hired by the local church as a staff person but are not appointed by the Bishop – **NO** – unless they become Professing Members of that local church.
4. Deacons and Provisional Deacons appointed to settings beyond the local church (*paragraph 331.9*) – **YES** – If after consultation and with written consent of the pastor in charge, and the district superintendent have designated a charge conference within the bounds of the annual conference in which they shall hold membership and to which they submit an annual report.
5. Elders, Provisional Elders and Licenses Local Pastors appointed by the Bishop to extension ministry (*paragraph 344.3*) – **YES** – if the charge conference membership is established in their home annual conference in consultation with the pastor in charge, and with approval of the District Superintendent and the Bishop, and the Extension Ministry report has been submitted.
6. Retired Clergy (*paragraph 357.5*) – **YES** - If they have held their charge conference membership in the local church and have turned in their Retired Clergy Report to the most recent annual charge/church conference of the local church where they wish to vote.
7. Retired Clergy from another annual conference – **NO** (*paragraph 357.5 and Judicial Council Decision 372*)

Laity

1. Professing members of the local church - **YES**
2. Local Church Associate/Affiliate Members – **NO** (Paragraph 227 and Judicial Council Decision 372.)