

Policy for General and Jurisdictional Reserves North Georgia Conference Delegation

This policy mirrors the rules which the delegation will follow at General and Jurisdictional Conference. The policy is intended to clarify the purpose and function of Reserve Delegates at meetings of the Delegation and during General and Jurisdictional Conference.

Part 1: Role of Reserve Delegates at General and Jurisdictional Conference

1. The first two elected Jurisdictional Conference Delegates are the official Reserve Delegates to General Conference. Any other Jurisdictional Conference Delegate attending General Conference will also be considered a Reserve Delegate if needed. Reserve Delegates will be seated in the order of their election. From time-to-time there may be some variance at the discretion of the Chair of the Delegation. Every attempt will be made to allow each Reserve Delegate who attends General Conference to be seated at least once.
2. A permanent vacancy in the General Conference or Jurisdictional Conference Delegation will be permanently filled in the order of election. The person filling the vacancy assumes the Legislative Committee assignment of the open position and the person assumes the eleventh chair in the Delegation.
3. To be seated at General or Jurisdictional Conference, a Reserve Delegate must have a signed Authorization Form from the Chair of the Delegation. If the chair is not present, the vice-chair will act on his/her behalf. The Reserve Delegate fills the chair of the absent Delegate. Reserve Delegates who are seated at a session of General or Jurisdictional Conference have voice and vote while seated.
4. Reserve Delegates may be called on to fill in for Delegates in Legislative Committee meetings. Reserve Delegates may attend any Legislative Committee as a visitor.

Part 2: Role of Reserve Delegates at Delegation Meetings

1. During Delegation meetings, all General Conference Delegates, all Jurisdictional Conference Delegates and all Reserve Delegates to Jurisdictional Conference shall have voice and vote.
2. Reserve Delegates are encouraged to communicate their views to members of Legislative Committees. Reserve Delegates are especially encouraged to utilize e-mail, and other forms of electronic communication, for questions and for offering input on specific legislative matters.
3. All members of the Delegation are expected to attend at least one listening session. Each session will have a panel of moderators made up of General Conference Delegates in order of election. The Chair of the Delegation shall preside over the listening sessions.