

## Annual Conference 2019 Youth Member Helpsheet

**The Preliminary Report:** This is very long but it's very helpful! Have access to it on your phone or computer or print a copy. Different reports will direct you to the pages they are taking about. That is to help you. Follow along!

*Parliamentary Procedure help guides on pages 31-33 of the Preliminary Report.*

**The hashtag #ctcac19 :** Post your favorite parts of conferences, ask questions, see what others are saying. Be positive. Reflect Christian love in everything you say, but claim your voice!

**Conference offering:** All the money we take up during worship at annual conference this year is going to support rebuilding of Mooreville UMC which has destroyed in a fire this year. You can give with your phone by texting a dollar amount (\$5.00 minimum) to 817/968-1624.

Reports	Addresses	Worship
Organizations the church supports financially and benefits from the services of. Camps, the Publishing House, etc. A great time to learn about how your church helps ministries your church might not even know about!	Speeches given from youth, bishop, the lay leader, etc, to talk about what's happening in the Church from their perspective. Some of our CCYMers will speak during the youth address.	Opening Worship we will commission the Project Transformation interns and remember those who have passed in the last year. Ordination Service is where pastors who have been training get finally authorized by the Bishop. Retirement service celebrates retiring pastors and includes stories from their ministry.

### Voting

To receive a report	You are just affirming that you heard the report and don't need anything else from whoever just finished talking.
Resolutions	These 'lay on the tables' and will be voted on Wednesday. Sometimes we are voting on the resolution itself, sometimes we vote on the committee's recommendation.
Consent calendar	These are things that we won't debate and will vote on altogether as one item. They are things that don't cost money and don't change the conference rules.

Electing the 2020 Delegation	We will be voting for people from our conference to represent us at General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference. A person must have a simple majority of the votes to be elected. We will cast ballots over and over until a full delegation is elected.
Budget	You will get a copy of the conference budget and we will approve it on Wednesday. There will be a chance to go to a special meeting if you have questions.

General Conference	Every 4 years, people from every conference around the whole world meet together to vote on what will go in the Book of Discipline, which governs the whole church. It is like the Congress of the UMC. We will elect 4 lay people and 4 clergy to vote there.
Jurisdictional Conference	Jurisdictional Conference includes the delegates to General conference, plus 4 more laity and 4 more clergy. This body meets to elect and appoint Bishops. As Bishop Lowry is retiring, we will get a new Bishop soon. The people you elect to JC will interview candidates for Bishop from all the states in the South Central Jurisdiction and elect enough to fill the vacancies. Then the heads of our delegation (first clergy and lay person elected) will work with others to decide which Bishops will go to what conference.

You can find information on lay members who have put their names forward to run for general and jurisdictional conference here: <https://www.ctcumc.org/ac19-votersguide>