

Chesapeake Conference Constituency Session Purpose and Procedure

Purpose

Chesapeake Conference exists to facilitate the proclamation of the everlasting gospel in the context of the three angels messages to all people within its territory. In light of our mission, we strive to provide pastoral leadership for the churches, serve as resource personnel and a resource center, and foster a mutual accountability to accomplish the Lord's work.

A Constituency Session provides an opportunity for delegates to:

1. Hear reports
2. Elect Conference leadership
3. Transact business as stated in the Constitution and Bylaws
4. Seek God's guidance for the Conference

Delegate responsibility

Every session brings together delegates at large and regular delegates from all churches and regions of the Conference. Chesapeake Conference Bylaws states that each church is entitled to one delegate plus one additional delegate for each 50 members or major fraction thereof. Some delegates will be asked to serve on the Organizing Committee and/or on the Nominating Committee. It is expected that delegates be engaged in the transaction of business during the session and also united in prayer requesting God's leading in every action.

The delegates will vote on reports and on the nomination and recommendations presented by the Organizing and Nominating committee. All delegates must be present in person in order to be eligible to vote. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote.

Procedural Guidelines

The approved agenda, voted by the Conference executive committee, will be the exclusive order of the day, which at the discretion of the chair, may be interrupted with special committee reports.

In order to move in an orderly fashion through the business of the day, the chair has the discretion to change the order in which the agenda items are presented to the floor.

Only delegates will be allowed to speak, except for individuals invited by the chair to participate in reports relevant to an agenda item under consideration.

The delegates will identify themselves by name and church representation after being recognized to speak.

Unless otherwise stated and/or adopted, we will follow the *General Conference Rules of Order* for session business.