

# 2026 Great Lakes Annual Conference Legislation



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Title: Floor Nominations for General Conference Delegation

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Type: Petition

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## Rationale (if provided)

- To honor the time, prayer, and discernment of both the individuals and those who recommended them who followed the prescribed process for being nominated as delegates to General Conference.
  - Allowing a free-for-all of nominations from the floor of individuals who did not go through the prescribed process of completing the nomination form(s) or soliciting recommendations from their fellow clergy or laity, discredits the nomination process and disrespects the amount of time, prayer, and discernment already-nominated individuals undertook in the nomination process.
  - Floor nominations should only be used as a stop-gap if the number of existing nominations falls short of the conference's allocated number delegates, alternates, and reserves.
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1 Amend *Conference Organization and Special Rules of Order* section J as follows:

2 A Bishop of the Global Methodist Church must preside over General Conference delegate elections.

- 3 • ~~Self-nominated individuals will be announced to the annual conference session.~~ Individuals  
4 nominated prior to the annual conference session will be announced to the annual  
5 conference session. Individuals may be nominated or may self-nominate prior to the annual  
6 conference session through a process prescribed by the Nominations and Leadership  
7 Development Committee or by the Great Lakes Conference Connectional Council.

- 8 • ~~Nominations from the floor will be permitted.~~ Nominations from the floor will only be  
9 permitted if the number of current nominations is fewer than the allocated number of  
10 delegates, alternates, and reserves plus one.

- 11 • If any nominated individuals withdraw their nomination prior to voting, nominations from  
12 the floor will be permitted only to restore the number of current nominations to equal the  
13 allocated number of delegates, alternates, and reserves plus one.

- 14 • Then voting may commence.