

Qualifications for Board of Administration/Delegates

People in leadership roles in the church will be representative persons who have chosen to lead Christ-like lives and who possess demonstrated loyalty to the church and a commitment to take seriously all aspects of Christian holy living and influence. The New Testament lists (in I Timothy 3 and Titus 1) several characteristics of candidates for leadership. Some are listed here not as a complete description of Christ-like living, but as an encouragement to leaders to take seriously all aspects of Christian life and influence.

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| *Self-controlled | *Manages family well |
| *Hospitable | *Temperate and sensible |
| *Gentle | *Holds firm to faith and the Word |
| *Generous | *Sincere |
| *Mature in faith | *Tested |
| *Even-tempered | *Humble |
| *Lover of goodness | *Respected by others |
| *Disciplined | *Not given to harmful habits |
| *Blameless and above reproach | or addictions |

Those elected shall be representative members of the Free Methodist Church in Greenville in their faithfulness in worship, involvement in our ministry, commitment to our mission, and through their financial support (accepting the Biblical principle of “tithes and offerings” as the guide for material stewardship).

Board of Administration members shall be capable of policy making, fiscal management, and personnel administration.

Responsibilities of the Board of Administration/Delegates

- Work with appointed pastors to establish church goals and policies for the church; to develop short and long-range planning; and to develop and maintain the church as a Free Methodist Church in doctrine, ethos, spirit, and vision, sharing in the denominational programs, resources, and mission;
- Approve annual budgets and present to the Society;
- Review monthly finance reports and ensure proper fiscal procedures;
- Make minutes and financial reports available to the Society;
- Request pastoral staff appointments of the Gateway Conference Ministerial Appointments Committee, on recommendation of the senior pastor in consultation with the Superintendent;
- Grant Local Ministerial Candidate licenses;
- Act on behalf of the Society between Society meetings;
- Participate in Gateway Conference activities as available;
- Represent the Society to the Superintendent;
- Ensure that the corporation operates in accordance with all appropriate laws and the *Book of Discipline* of the Free Methodist Church of North America.

In addition to the above responsibilities, Delegates, appointed from among the BOA members, will serve at Annual Conference/Leadership Summit and/or other activities as needed. Election by the GFMC Society of BOA members also serves as election of delegates and reserves to Gateway Annual Conference, with the specific seats (Delegate #1, #2, etc.) to be determined by the BOA. (*Book of Discipline, Paragraph 6250; Affirmed by GFMC BOA 3-8-22*)