



ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

The following text from our archdiocesan constitution defines who can be a voting delegate at the Special Convention. Each delegate gets one vote to be used for only one candidate.

Section 4. Delegates

A. All Diocesan Bishops, pastors, full-time assistant pastors, retired pastors, and all full-time clergy directly employed by the Archdiocese shall be delegates to any convention and shall each be entitled to one (1) vote in person or by written proxy.

B. Each one hundred (100) persons or any fraction of one hundred (100) which exceeds fifty (50) persons in every parish or mission, in good standing in the Archdiocese, shall be represented by one lay delegate at a convention. Each delegate may vote on behalf of one hundred (100) persons in his parish or community or on behalf of any fraction of one hundred (100) exceeding fifty (50) in number. A parish or community may send as many delegates or written proxies as it wishes without affecting its right to have cast in its behalf the votes to which it is entitled. These delegates shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of the local parish constitution and by-laws and be faithful Orthodox in good standing under the rules of their parish or community and the Archdiocese.

C. (1) All regular members of the Board of Trustees of the Archdiocese shall be delegates at large and shall be entitled to one vote.

(2) Each Diocesan Fellowship of St. John the Divine shall be represented by as many delegates as it wishes to send, and each Diocesan Fellowship of St. John the Divine shall be entitled to one (1) vote. **(Fellowship was replaced by YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY.)**

(3) Each Diocesan Teen SOYO shall be represented by as many delegates as it wishes to send, and each Diocesan Teen SOYO shall be entitled to one (1) vote and the NAC president shall be a delegate and shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

(4) Each Diocesan AOCWNA (Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women of North America) shall be represented by as many delegates as it wishes to send, and each Diocesan AOCWNA shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

(5) Each Diocesan Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch shall be represented by as many delegates as it wishes to send, and each Diocesan Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

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There are two notes which should be observed:

1. It has been the long-term policy of this Archdiocese that our Military Chaplains are to be considered “pastors,” and that they are entitled to vote.
2. The working definition of a “full time assistant pastor” is that the priest is not employed outside of the church, and that he is dedicated full time to his duties as an assistant pastor.

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