

Regional Assembly FAQs

Why will churches certify their voting representatives for the Regional Assembly?

The work of the Regional Church Assembly is vital to the life and ministry of the regional church. The Constitution and By-Laws lists the Regional Church Assembly as one of the decision-making bodies of the Christian Church in Oklahoma. One of the duties specifically assigned to the Regional Church Assembly is approving nominations for new members to the Regional Board.

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Christian Church in Oklahoma lists those who have voting privileges. These include clergy who are in good standing with the Christian Church in Oklahoma and members of the Regional Church Board. Each congregation may also send three voting representatives. Congregations may be allowed more representatives based on participating membership.

Asking congregations to identify and send those representatives underscores the importance of the work of the Regional Assembly and emphasizes congregational participation in that work. Congregational representatives are not assigned a vote on behalf of the congregation, but instead they listen to discussion and each votes his or her own conscience.

Because congregations in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) manage their own affairs, it is the responsibility of each congregation to identify those who will serve on its behalf as voting representatives. Those names are sent to the regional church office so that a list of voting representatives can be compiled and voting representatives can be correctly identified at the Regional Assembly.

Can one person cast all votes for a congregation?

No. Congregations are given the opportunity to send representatives, not a voting block. Votes are only counted for those present and voting. The Constitution and By-Laws of the Christian Church in Oklahoma are clear that no proxy votes are allowed.

Is there a quorum for a Regional Assembly?

A quorum for the Regional Assembly is forty percent (40%) of the voting members registered and present at the assembly.

When will the voting take place?

The business session, which includes voting, will be held at 9:00 am on Saturday April 30, 2016 at First Christian Church, Tulsa, 913 S. Boulder Ave., Tulsa, OK 74119