

2020 Virtual Regional Assembly FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

Who can attend the 2020 Virtual Regional Assembly?

Any member or participant of a congregation in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Oklahoma and any member of General Units or Higher Education.

What do I need to attend the 2020 Virtual Regional Assembly?

Participants will need an internet connection, a computer, a tablet, or a smart device to be able to connect and access the Virtual Regional Assembly. Learn more about how to join a Zoom meeting with helpful video and tutorial links at [Zoom](#). If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Beer at ebeer@okdisciples.org.

Can I join others to participate in the 2020 Virtual Regional Assembly?

Yes! Wherever you gather, one person who has registered will need to log on with their registration information, and all those gathered may view together. However, if you are a voting delegate, you must be in front of your own device for voting purposes.

How do I REGISTER for the 2020 Virtual Regional Assembly?

Registration for the 2020 Virtual Regional Assembly will open on August 27, 2020 on the Regional website <https://okdisciples.org/ra-2020>. Each participant will need to register for the 2020 Virtual Regional Assembly. Upon registration, each participant will receive an email verification with important information to be able to join the Zoom Virtual Regional Assembly on September 26, 2020.

Who can vote at the 2020 Virtual Regional Assembly Business Session?

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 designate three voting representatives. Congregations may be allowed more representatives based on participating membership.

Why will churches certify the 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.

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.

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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 on Saturday, September 26, 2020 beginning at 11:45 am via Zoom.

What does a voting delegate need for the Virtual Business Session?

Each voting delegate must have a computer, a tablet, or a smart device and access to an internet connection to be able to connect and access the Virtual Regional Assembly. Learn more about how to join a Zoom meeting with a helpful video and tutorial links at [Zoom](#). If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Beer at ebeer@okdisciples.org.

How will I vote?

There are three action items to be voted on during the Virtual Business Meeting. These items will be clearly identified and presented one by one. There will be time for questions and discussion. Then, you will be instructed to cast your vote on your device.