

2022 Regional Assembly FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

Who can attend the 2022 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 2022 Regional Assembly?

Participants may attend in person or online. Online participants will need an internet connection, a computer, a tablet, or a smart device to be able to connect and access the Regional Assembly. Learn more about how to join a Zoom meeting with helpful video and tutorial links at Zoom <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-meeting>.

Can I join others to participate online in the 2022 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 2022 Regional Assembly?

Registration for the 2022 Regional Assembly will open on March 18, 2022 on the Regional website <https://okdisciples.org/ra-2022>. Each participant will need to register for the 2022 Regional Assembly. Upon registration, each participant will receive an email verification.

Who can vote at the 2022 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, April 30, 2022 beginning at 10:30 am.

What does a voting delegate need for the Business Session?

Voting will take place in-person and be available online for remote voting delegates.

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How will I vote?

There are two action items to be voted on during the Business Meeting. It will be clearly identified and there will be time for questions and discussion. Then, you will be instructed to cast your vote.