

2009 Florida Annual Conference Constitutional Amendments

“SAMPLE” BALLOT

Please place a clearly defined mark in the appropriate square to answer either “Yes” or “No” to each of the amendments you desire to vote on. You are not required to vote on every amendment. There are no “invalid” ballots. All votes clearly marked “Yes” or “No” will be counted.

Amendment	Description	Vote	
Worldwide Church Amendments – Subgroup A			
III	This amendment would change the nomenclature for areas outside of the United States from “central” conferences to “regional” conferences.	Yes	No
V	See description for amendment III.	Yes	No
VII	See description for amendment III.	Yes	No
XI	See description for amendment III.	Yes	No
XII	See description for amendment III.	Yes	No
XIV	See description for amendment III.	Yes	No
XVI	See description for amendment III.	Yes	No
XVIII	See description for amendment III.	Yes	No
XX	See description for amendment III.	Yes	No
XXI	See description for amendment III.	Yes	No
XXIV	See description for amendment III.	Yes	No
XXV	See description for amendment III.	Yes	No
XXVII	See description for amendment III.	Yes	No
XXVIII	See description for amendment III.	Yes	No
XXIX	See description for amendment III.	Yes	No
XXX	See description for amendment III.	Yes	No
XXXI	See description for amendment III.	Yes	No
XXXII	See description for amendment III.	Yes	No
Worldwide Church Amendments – Subgroup B			
IV	This amendment would allow the General Conference to create similar structures for all of our world-wide church. Each Annual Conference would belong to a Regional Conference.	Yes	No
X	See description for amendment IV.	Yes	No
XIII	See description for amendment IV.	Yes	No
XXIII	See description for amendment IV.	Yes	No
XXVI	See description for amendment IV.	Yes	No
The Inclusiveness Amendment			
I	This amendment emphasizes the wideness of God’s mercy and the availability of the ministry of the church to “all persons.” More detailed language about “race, color, national origin, status or economic condition” is replaced with “all persons.”	Yes	No
Miscellaneous Amendments			
II	This amendment requires the adoption of ethics and conflict of interest policies to ensure accountability and fiduciary integrity.	Yes	No
VI	This amendment provides an avenue for the General Conference to establish representation for newly created conferences on a non-proportional basis for a transitional time period.	Yes	No
VIII	This amendment recommends adding gender to the categories of persons protected against discriminatory treatment.	Yes	No
IX	This amendment will ensure a minimum basis of support for the election of bishops at Jurisdictional Conferences.	Yes	No
XV	This amendment allows General Conference to define lay and clergy members of the annual conference without changing the constitution.	Yes	No
XVII	This amendment would allow lay persons on the Conference Committee on Investigation to vote on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy.	Yes	No
XIX	This amendment would expand the ability of certain Associate Members, Provisional Members and Local Pastors to vote for General and Jurisdictional Conference delegates.	Yes	No
XXII	This amendment allows “Bermuda” to be added before “Connecticut” in the listing of the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference.	Yes	No