

## FAQ AC 2025

- **Do I need to register in advance?**

- Everyone needs to register **at the Annual Conference**. A lot of times we hear the word registration and think that means we need to fill something out ahead of time. In our case that is really about checking in **upon arrival**. There is Clergy registration and Laity registration.
- Clergy will register at the Special Events Center **first** and then have your badge scanned again for entry at the Clergy Session. Please do this in order!

- **What's up with the \$100 for clergy housing assistance?**

- Clergy must register their attendance at Clergy Session on Wednesday, June 12.
- Following Annual Conference, that registration list will be reviewed to verify the church/charge of an appointed clergyperson who was in attendance at Clergy Session.
- That church/charge will receive an email from the Conference Office asking if they would need to receive a check for \$100 to assist with the cost of clergy lodging at Annual Conference.
- The church/charge treasurer will need to reply affirmatively to that email by June 30 to qualify for this assistance.
- Checks will be sent during the month of July to the church/charge and should be in hand no later than August 1, 2025.
- Please note that this assistance only applies in situations where a clergyperson is appointed to a local church or charge within the boundaries of the Virginia Annual Conference and payment will only be remitted to the church/charge.

- **What should I know about voting on constitutional amendments?**

- Credentials have gone out via email (Monday, June 2 in the afternoon). Please verify that you have your credentials if you are eligible to vote!
- You must be present and in the bar of the conference in order to vote. Offsite voting will not be functional or available.
- Apple or Android devices will work – if you don't have a device, loaners will be available.
- People will be present to offer assistance and we will have a practice vote.
- The training video mentions a QR code – you don't need this until Friday and the QR code for voting will not be available before this time.
- As a reminder, per the *United Methodist Book of Discipline*, the following people are eligible to vote on constitutional amendments:
  - Clergy in full connection (ordained elders and ordained deacons serving in active or retired status)
  - Lay members of Annual Conference (as elected by the local church or District Conference)

- **Will there be wi-fi available at the Berglund Center?**
  - We will have public wifi that is only to be used for web browsing, email, etc.
  - Please do not use public wifi for video streaming or other high bandwidth uses.
  - It would be helpful to download the Book of Reports and Addendum ahead of time.
  
- **Is there any additional information I need to be aware of other than what is in the Book of Reports?**
  - There is an Addendum coming. This will be released on Friday, June 6 via conference email and on the Annual Conference website ([www.vaumc.org/ac2025](http://www.vaumc.org/ac2025)).
  - This will have a couple of corrections that are needed and some additional information for Annual Conference.
  - This will be in place of any paper being distributed at registration.
  - It will be available as a single file that you'll download for use.
  
- **Are there any updates to the agenda?**
  - Unfortunately, Rev. Dr. Candace Lewis has an illness that prevents her from being with us for Annual Conference. We are praying with her!
  - We will now have Rev. Dr. Charles Ledlum-Bates preaching the Memorial Service on Friday afternoon.
  - Scott Erickson will now join us for teaching on Thursday afternoon instead of Friday.
  - There will not be a teaching session on Friday morning. We will use that time to continue with Annual Conference business.
  
- **Can I have the chance to connect with Scott Erickson apart from his Thursday afternoon teaching session?**
  - Yes! "An Evening with Scott Erickson" will be taking place on Thursday, June 12 at 7 p.m. in the Roanoke Ballroom at the Hotel Roanoke.
  - No pre-registration required; there will be snack-type food and beverages available.
  
- **Are clergy participating in any processions at Annual Conference?**
  - Yes, but only in the opening worship service. All clergy are welcome to process but must register in advance of Annual Conference (Link: <https://form.jotform.com/250794211804050>). The gathering for this processional will take place at 8:30 a.m.
  
- **I want lunch at the Berglund Center, what should I do?**
  - The best solution is to attend a Lunch Lab! Lunch Labs are available on Thursday and Friday afternoon for a cost of \$10 per day.
    - This is a chance to learn about an important subject area in the life of the local church and have some food.

- Lunch includes a selection of sandwiches, wraps, salads, snacks, and beverages. There will be vegetarian and vegan options available.
  - Registration for Lunch Labs has been extended **but will close at noon on Friday, June 6**. You must pre-register to attend a Lunch Lab.
- Aside from Lunch Labs, lunch options at the Berglund Center will be limited – some concessions should be open. Otherwise you will need to go off site for lunch.
- **When is the Annual Conference offering being collected?**
  - During opening worship (June 12)
  - Look for volunteers with buckets for cash or check; QR code will be available for digital giving onsite.
  - You can also give now: [Annual Conference Offering | VAUMC Donations](#)
- **How can I get more information about key business matters at Annual Conference?**
  - Listening Booth pinwheel at the Special Events Center
  - Four of these – regionalization, budget, pensions, and Connectional Table
  - These will be staffed primarily at the following times
    - Thursday at lunch break (approximately 12:00-12:30 p.m.)
    - Thursday at recess (approximately 5:30-6:00 p.m.)
    - Friday before session (approximately 8:30-9:00 a.m.)
    - Friday at lunch break (approximately 12:00-12:30 p.m.)
- **Is there a livestream of the Annual Conference session for those who can't be present in person?**
  - A link will be available the morning of June 12. It will be on the homepage prominently ([www.vaumc.org](http://www.vaumc.org)) and on the AC 2025 page ([www.vaumc.org/ac2025](http://www.vaumc.org/ac2025)).
  - Voting members of the Annual Conference must be present and in the bar of the conference in order to vote. Offsite voting will not be functional or available.
- **Will there be any forms of hearing assistance available?**
  - We will have sign language interpreters and hearing assistance devices available in Roanoke.
- **Is there anything I should bring with me other than what I've learned about previously?**
  - Last but not least – remember to pack a positive attitude, your best self, and be in prayer for all that will unfold at the Annual Conference!