Number of Annual Meeting Delegates

The bylaws of the South Dakota Conferences allow for each church to have a certain number of delegates. Here are the sections of each conferences' bylaws that outline those numbers:

South Dakota

Membership

1. The following shall be deemed to be churches in good standing in the Conference, as provided in the Articles of Incorporation: Each of the local churches which consolidated and continued without break the ecclesiastical and legal identity of the Congregational Conference of South Dakota, the German Congregational Association of South Dakota; and the Dakota Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church; and such other churches as shall hereafter be received into and granted good standing in an Association of churches within the Conference itself.

2. All ministers of the consolidating and continuing bodies of the church organizations described in Article I of the Articles of Incorporation and such other commissioned, licensed, or ordained ministers who are members in a local church in this Conference, as are hereafter received into and granted standing in the Conference in cooperation with the Association concerned shall be deemed members in good standing.

3. Churches of the Conference are organized into the following Associations:
   (a) Black Hills, Dakota, Oahe, Prairie Lakes and Two Rivers.
   (b) Under the Constitution of the United Church of Christ, the boundaries of any new

   Association, and any adjustment of boundaries between Associations are to be determined by the Associations concerned with the approval of this Conference, and the future standing of Associations as bodies of the United Church of Christ is to be determined by this Conference. Nothing herein is intended to impair the autonomy of any Association in the management of its own affairs, but all such approvals and determination shall relate only to the standing of such Association as bodies of the United Church of Christ.

Voting

1. Each local church which is a member in good standing in an Association of the Conference, shall be entitled to voting representation. Each such church shall be entitled to representation by two lay delegates, and by an additional lay delegate for each one hundred members or major fraction thereof, in excess of the first one hundred of its membership. The current Yearbook statistics shall be the basis for computing the number of delegates. All delegates shall be members of the churches they represent. Each such delegate shall have one vote in all meetings. Each local church shall determine the term of office of its delegates.

2. All members of the Board of Directors, the Moderator, the Moderator Elect, the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, and all commissioned, licensed, or ordained ministers who are members of a local church in this Conference, who are in good standing in the Conference shall be voting members at the Annual or special meetings of the Conference.

3. Affiliated institutions of the Conference – Peterson Bahde Coleman Home, Dow Rummel Village, and such others as the Board of Directors may authorize may be represented by two voting delegates each.