



## Desert Mountain Annual Conference

Mountain Valley District

### Instructions for Elected Delegates to the 140<sup>th</sup> Session of the Desert Mountain Annual Conference

*Congratulations on being elected a Delegate or Alternate to represent your church. What an honor. First and foremost, this is Bishop Brookins' meeting. Although we will have a schedule and agenda, it is subject to change per her instructions. Be prepared to go with the flow of the Holy Spirit. Here are some guidelines to help your experience be successful and rewarding.*

#### **Representation of the Local Church**

Delegates serve as the official representatives of their church. After the conference, it is the responsibility of each delegate to report back to their congregation as directed by their pastor. This includes sharing key decisions, updates, and actions taken during the sessions.

#### **Attendance & Punctuality**

Delegates are expected to be present for all scheduled business sessions and worship services of the conference. Please arrive early, prepared to begin on time, and remain throughout each session, as important matters may arise at any point in the proceedings.

#### **Active Engagement**

Participation goes beyond attendance. The delegate is asked to listen attentively, take notes as needed, and thoughtfully engage in the business of the conference. Your insight and prayerful presence enrich the work of the body.

#### **Voting**

Motions will be made and seconded. When the Bishop calls for the vote, delegates should be ready to cast their vote promptly and responsibly. This includes staying informed on matters being discussed, prayerfully discerning their position, and voting in alignment with both the leading of the Holy Spirit and the best interest of their local congregation.

#### **Seating Within the Bar of the Conference**

Delegates are asked to sit in the designated area known as the **bar of the conference**. This ensures clarity in identifying voting members and preserves order within the proceedings. The bar of the conference will be identified upon your arrival. Please sit in this area so you won't have to change seating when it's time to "set" the bar.

## **Conduct & Christian Witness**

At all times, delegates are expected to maintain a spirit of respect, dignity, and Christian witness. Your role is not only to represent your church but also to model the unity and love of Christ within the wider fellowship.

## **Specific Duties / Opportunities**

- **Roll Call.** The Chief Secretary will call the roll of the Conference. As an Elected Delegate, your name will be called as well. Please be prepared to answer the roll and say a Scripture if directed to do so.
- **Pastoral Reports.** Each church will present a video report highlighting the work for the past conference year. You and members of your congregation will stand with your pastor during the video report.
- **Committee Participation.** Each delegate is assigned to at least one Conference Committee. Some committees will meet at the site of the Annual Conference. Make sure you review the Conference Organization to see which committees you are on, and who the Chair is. (Note: During a break, it is a good idea to introduce yourself to the Chair if you are not already known to him/her.)
- Thursday and Friday at 8:00 am is ***PRAYER AND HYMN SING*** and is a special part of the Annual Conference. Plan to arrive by 7:50 am to be seated and prepared to participate. This service replaces the Morning Manna.
- **Conference Church School** will be on Saturday at 9:00 am.

Thank you for your service,

*Reverend Sherielyn Curry Hodge, Presiding Elder  
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