

**Global Legislative Assembly Delegate Job Description
Selected in 2009 for Attendance in 2010**

United Methodist Book of Discipline 2004, ¶1210

1. *Purpose* – The Global Young People’s Convocation shall be a global event held once every four years for the purpose of celebrating the mission and vitality of young people in The UMC, raising the joys and concerns of young people from the global community, developing young people as leaders for effective ministry in local churches and communities of faith, highlighting emerging trends in youth and young adult ministry, and providing a common forum that embraces the global reality of the church
2. *Legislation* – During the convocation there shall be opportunities for jurisdiction and central conference delegations and individuals to propose legislation in a forum known as the United Methodist Young People’s Legislative Assembly. The Legislative Assembly shall be made up of delegations as defined under “Voting members.” Legislation brought to the Assembly shall relate to issues of concern to young people. Legislation adopted by the Legislative Assembly may be referred to the Division on Ministries with Young People or sent to the General Conference of The United Methodist Church carrying the name “United Methodist Young People’s Legislative Assembly.” All legislation, petitions, and programming must be in accordance with ¶806.9 and ¶806.10
3. *Membership* – The membership of the United Methodist Young People’s Legislative Assembly shall be inclusive in nature and selected as follows:
 - a. Voting members
 - i. 5 youth (ages 12-18) from each jurisdiction and 5 youth from each central conference according to the age definition of each central conference. These youth shall be elected at jurisdictional youth convocations or by central conference youth organizations in the year preceding the Global Young People’s Convocation.
 - ii. 5 young adults (ages 19-30) from each jurisdiction and 5 young adults from each central conference according to the age definition of each central conference. These young adults shall be elected by jurisdictional and central conference young-adult organizations.
 - iii. 2 adult workers with young people from each jurisdiction and 2 youth and young adult workers from each central conference. These adults shall be elected at jurisdictional youth and young-adult convocations (when appropriate) or by central conference youth organizations in the year preceding the Global Young People’s Convocation.
 - b. Nonvoting members (In all cases, nonvoting members will have the status of voice without vote.)
 - i. Youth and young-adult members of the general agencies
 - ii. Members and staff of the Division on Ministries with Young People
 - iii. Additional members from jurisdictions, central conferences, and ecumenical partners
4. *Expenses* – The expenses for the GYPCLA are to be borne by participants. It is strongly recommended that jurisdictions, central conferences, and annual conference councils on youth and young-adult ministries, or equivalent structures, secure funding for Convocation participants who are elected from said conference. A limited amount of need-based scholarships shall be made available through the Division on Ministries with Young People to promote the full participation of the body.

Voting Delegates to Global Young People's Convocation and Legislative Assembly (GYPCLA)

Requirements and Responsibilities of all Delegates of GYPCLA:

1. Have a valid passport for the time of the Assembly
2. Secure a visa if one is needed from your country.
 - Delegates should be people who have a commitment, vision and passion for empowering young people as leaders in the United Methodist Church and the world.
 - After being elected, delegates should listen to and talk with young people in their region about their needs and issues, and be prepared to share their research with others at GYPCLA.
 - Delegates should bring to GYPCLA stories of how young people have experienced God in their lives, faith communities and countries, so these stories can be celebrated by young people from around the world.
 - Delegates should help inform people in their regions before GYPCLA about the legislative process. This should include encouraging young people to participate by submitting legislation, and empowering them through training on how to write legislation.*
 - Delegates are urged to attend the full GYPCLA. Legislative sessions are required for voting delegates.
 - After GYPCLA, delegates are to act as a liaison between the GYPCLA and the constituents in their region by:
 - Creating an action plan of how they will share knowledge gained and the legislation that was written and passed at GYPCLA with young people in their region.
 - Reporting information to their constituency, central conference, jurisdiction, or caucus – young people in their region.
 - Sending a report to the DMYP outlining how they implemented what they learned at GYPCLA.

*Training will be available from DMYP on the legislative process.

APPLICATION PROCESS RECOMMENDATIONS:

For the application process, the DMYP recommends that each Central Conference and Jurisdiction have candidates go through an application process to be a delegate. The application process could include:

- A letter of recommendation from their pastor or campus minister
- A candidate should be a member of the UMC in good standing for at least 3 years
- Writing an essay with no more than 1500 words based on the following questions:
 - Describe your leadership involvement in your faith community?
 - What is your vision for the future of young people in the church?
 - How might you implement what you learn at this event in your faith community?