DESCRIPTION OF ROLES FOR DELEGATES AND YOUNG LEADER DELEGATES

TITLE
Local church Delegates to the Annual Gathering of the Missouri Mid-South Conference United Church of Christ

AUTHORITY & TERM
Elected by local congregation to serve a term consistent with the Church’s constitution

GENERAL DESCRIPTION
Serve as a delegate from the local church influencing the mission and ministry of the local parish, as well as the Missouri Mid-South Conference, and acting as a liaison within the Conference throughout the term

SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. As a DELEGATE
   - responsibility from time of appointment/election
   - represent local church at the Missouri Mid-South Conference Annual Gathering (CAG)
   - represent the interests of the Missouri Mid-South Conference in the context of the local church

2. As a DELIBERATOR
   - be informed about values and needs of local congregation
   - be sensitive to overall direction and needs of the Missouri Mid-South Conference

3. As a DECISION-MAKER
   - accept responsibility for judgments impacting the entire Conference
   - give personal commitment to decisions made at the Missouri Mid-South CAG
   - serve as a member of the body electing conference leaders

4. As a COMMUNICATOR
   - summarize and report decisions made at CAG within your local church
   - receive conference-coordinated mailings
   - interpret the Missouri Mid-South Conference programs to the local church
   - advocate support for Our Church’s Wider Mission (OCWM) in the local church
   - identify and report names of persons as candidates for elected or appointed volunteer ministry positions in conference work
   - work to establish lines of communication between local church, association, and conference
   - attend association gatherings and other UCC functions throughout the year
   - collaborate with pastors, members of national boards and instrumentalities, and conference council members for the purpose of interpreting the wider mission of the UCC