

**REPORT  
OF  
GENERAL SYNOD 34  
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

The Credentials Committee is comprised of four United Church of Christ Board Governance Committee members. The Committee's role, described in UCC Bylaw 212, is to monitor the composition of the Conference Delegations attending General Synod for compliance with the diversity requirements as set forth in UCC Bylaw 195.

The Credentials Committee met on May 18, 2023, to review delegate registration data. As of May 8, 2023, 581 delegates were registered with 94 delegates still needing to register. In the review of the delegate demographics at the time, it was determined that as a Delegation, the Church was close to compliance with UCC Bylaw 195 which requires Conference delegations to be: (1) comprised of at least 50% lay persons; (2) reflect the UCC's commitment to be representative of people of diverse races and ethnicities; (3) reflect the UCC's commitment to representing diverse genders and gender expressions; and (4) comprised of approximately 15% youth and young adults. At the time of the initial review, the Delegation-as-a-Whole was comprised of 15% youths and young adult delegates, 59% women delegates, 51% lay delegates, and 23% of delegates of racially and ethnically diverse delegates.

Letters were sent to Conferences specifying where improvement in their delegations could be made.

Registration data was gathered for the final review at the close of online registration, which was June 12, 2023. At that time, 653 delegates were registered, with 50.38% of delegates being lay persons; 25.42% of delegates representing different racial and ethnic backgrounds; 58.19% of delegates identifying as women; 2.90% identifying as non-binary or gender fluid; and 14.85% of delegates under the age of 30.

The Conferences of the United Church of Christ have made a good-faith effort to meet the Bylaws requirement of having at least 20% of their delegates under the age of 30.

The Credentials Committee declares the Delegation-As-A-Whole in compliance with UCC Bylaw 195 at the Thirty-Fourth General Synod.