

# *Agape' Metropolitan Community Church*

## **LAY DELEGATE APPLICATION AND POSITION DESCRIPTION**

### Overview

Lay Delegate is the official denominational representative of our congregation. Lay Delegates have the responsibility to attend and to effectively represent Agape' MCC at every General Conference. Elected Delegates should also participate in every MCC Network Gathering and Summit. It is the responsibility of the Delegate to see that the information flow between the MCC Network and local congregation is both timely and accurate throughout your term of office.

The MCC General Conferences occur every three years, generally in July. General Conference is the worldwide governing body for the church. Each Network gathers twice a year.

### **Lay Delegate Duties at General Conference (*from the Lay Delegates Handbook*):**

1. *Official Business Meetings:* Clergy and Lay Delegates attend business meetings at General Conference. Usually voting representatives are divided into two "houses" (Clergy and Laity) for voting purposes. Houses vote simultaneously on all issues that affect both groups, but the votes are announced separately for each. On occasion, a vote will be taken that affects only the Clergy or only the Laity and those times will be announced. Other than elections, votes are usually taken by voting cards. Delegates from each church have both voice and vote. All delegates are expected to attend all forums and business meetings at each conference.
2. *Workshops and Worship Services:* These are interesting, diverse and inspiring. They offer great opportunities to experience different aspects of our denomination. It is recommended that delegates attend workshops and worship services when they are not in conflict with business sessions.
3. *New Issues:* It is the responsibility of the Lay Delegate to accurately represent the local congregation's view at the business meetings. If new or amended issues arise that have not been discussed by the congregation, it is the duty of the Lay Delegate to vote as you feel the congregation would have voted had they been able to discuss the issue as presented. The congregation elected you to use your best judgement.
4. *Conference Expenses:* Always keep a detailed record of your expenses for all conferences, including receipts. Submit this information to your church treasurer. If you are paying the bill yourself, it is even more important to do this so that your Board can begin to anticipate these expenses and budget accordingly.
5. *First Time Delegates:* If you are attending a conference for the first time it is a good idea to attend the Lay Delegate Orientation if it is offered. This will help you connect with other Lay Delegates and get a better understanding of how the Business Meeting is conducted.

To apply:

Submit an application by October 20, 2019 to either the Clerk of the Board of Directors, Leigh Wolfer, BOD Vice Moderator, Cassy Batt or Pastor David Wynn.

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## Application for Elected Office

Please check appropriate line for desired position:

Board of Directors \_\_\_\_\_ Lay Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Lay Delegate \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Occupation/School/Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in this industry/company: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary occupation or studies if retired: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Method and Best day(s) and time(s) to contact you for an interview: \_\_\_\_\_

Time you have been attending Agape MCC \_\_\_\_\_? Other faith/church history, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

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**(Please do not write in this area)**

Interview Notes:

Attendance Verification	_____	Meets Requirements
Contribution Verification	_____	Meets Requirements
Date of Membership __/__/__	_____	Meets Requirements
<b>(Please do not write in this box)</b>		

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please briefly describe your background, relevant experience and the skills you feel will benefit you in serving?

Why do you seek an elected position at Agape MCC?

List current or past board of directors' or committee experience.

What Church activities have been most meaningful and/or rewarding for you?

How are you currently contributing to Agape' MCC? Please describe. (financially, time and/or talent)

How do you visualize your talents/skills/service will impact the Agape' Community?

**For Board of Director Applicants Only:**

Number of Agape' BOD meetings attended in the last 12 months: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your areas of interest? (*Social Media, Social, Financial, Facilities, Administrative, Congregant Care, Spiritual Direction*): \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe your experience and understanding of the role of an elected Board of Directors' position. Share your views on leadership, confidentiality and commitment please.

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