

April 30, 1998

To: OMS Churches, Pastors, Church Secretaries and Administrators, Church Board of Deacons and Executive Council

From: Executive Council Chairperson, Rev. Kenneth Ashitomi  
Executive Council Regulation, Research and Doctrine Committee

**FORMAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL INTERPRETATION #1997-98-2  
DETERMINING THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL  
CONFERENCE.**

It has come to the Executive Council's attention that the churches needed clarification of how each church shall determine the number of delegates for the Annual General Conference. The following sections were researched:

- By-Law, Article IV, Sections 1, 2 and 3
- By-Law, Article V, Section 1-a-2-c
- Constitution, Article IV, Section C
- Constitution, Article V

Therefore, the Executive Council based on the Regulation, Research and Doctrine's Committee's report, approved the following guidelines:

Churches shall determine the number of delegates for the General Conference by counting the members as described. The churches shall count only those that meet all three requirements.

1. "active" - Attended 12 times during the year - church services or activities.
2. "members"
  - Baptized by the OMS-HNA church;
  - transfer from another Christian church and formally received into the church; and
  - previous baptized, not member of any church and formally received into the church."18 and over" - Youth 17 and under are not counted to determine the number of delegates for the General Conference.

We believe this would be equitable to all and will give the churches a firm guideline to uniform the current practices. Thank you for your cooperation.

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**FORMAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL INTERPRETATION #1995-96-1  
RETIRED MINISTERS' VOTING RIGHTS/CONFERENCE QUORUM**

The West Oahu Church informed the Executive Council of their concern and requested clarification to the following questions:

Q1 Will each retired minister be deemed to be "one church" in computing the required ratio for passage of constitutional changes or will they be grouped together as one church?

EC No. The retired pastor's will not vote together as a separate church or have individual voting rights as "one church."

Article IX A states: "...proposals for the amendments must pass by a three-fourths majority vote in the business meeting of the local churches."

If the retired pastor is a member of the church, the pastor would have a vote similar to other members of the church (See #2 below).

Q2 Will they (retired ministers) not vote at all on constitutional changes?

EC Article IX "amendments" states: The final decision shall be determined by a three-fourths majority vote of the delegates present at either the General Conference or Special General Conference.

Article V-1-A states: "...lay delegates who are elected at a fully constituted business meeting of their respective local churches..."

Q3 Will the retired ministers be counted towards the total number of ministers or delegates in attendance at the General Conference for quorum purposes?

EC Yes. The quorum is based on 2/3 of the "ministers."

Article V, Section 1-A states: "The General Conference shall be comprised of ministers and lay members.

A. Active Ministers...

B. Retired Ministers...

There are currently 26 ministers. If the conference had an additional five retired ministers, there would be a total of 31 ministers. If all of the five retired ministers did not attend the General conference, only 20 of the 31 ministers would have to be at the conference for a quorum.