



GC SESSION DELEGATE CALCULATION





OBJECTIVE

In line with the GC Secretariat Strategic Plan (# 7 KPI 4), this presentation seeks to help members of the General Conference Executive Committee become familiar with the Constitutional formula for calculating General Conference Session delegates.



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CHURCH STRUCTURE

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CHURCH STRUCTURE

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CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

1



CHURCH STRUCTURE

2



CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

3



DELEGATES-AT-LARGE



1. CHURCH STRUCTURE



- a. Union Conference: 2 delegates
- b. Union Mission: 1 delegate
- c. Union of Churches Conference: 1 delegate
- d. Union of Churches Mission: 0 delegates
- e. Local Conference: 2 delegates
- f. Local Mission: 1 delegate

Constitution & Bylaws

Article V,
Section 7, a-f

Entities which are in existence as of December 31st of
the 2nd year preceding the GC Session





2. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP



- g. Division membership as a proportion of the world Church membership [Not to exceed **400** delegates]

**Constitution
& Bylaws**

Article V,
Section 7, g

Membership as of December 31st of the 2nd year preceding the GC Session



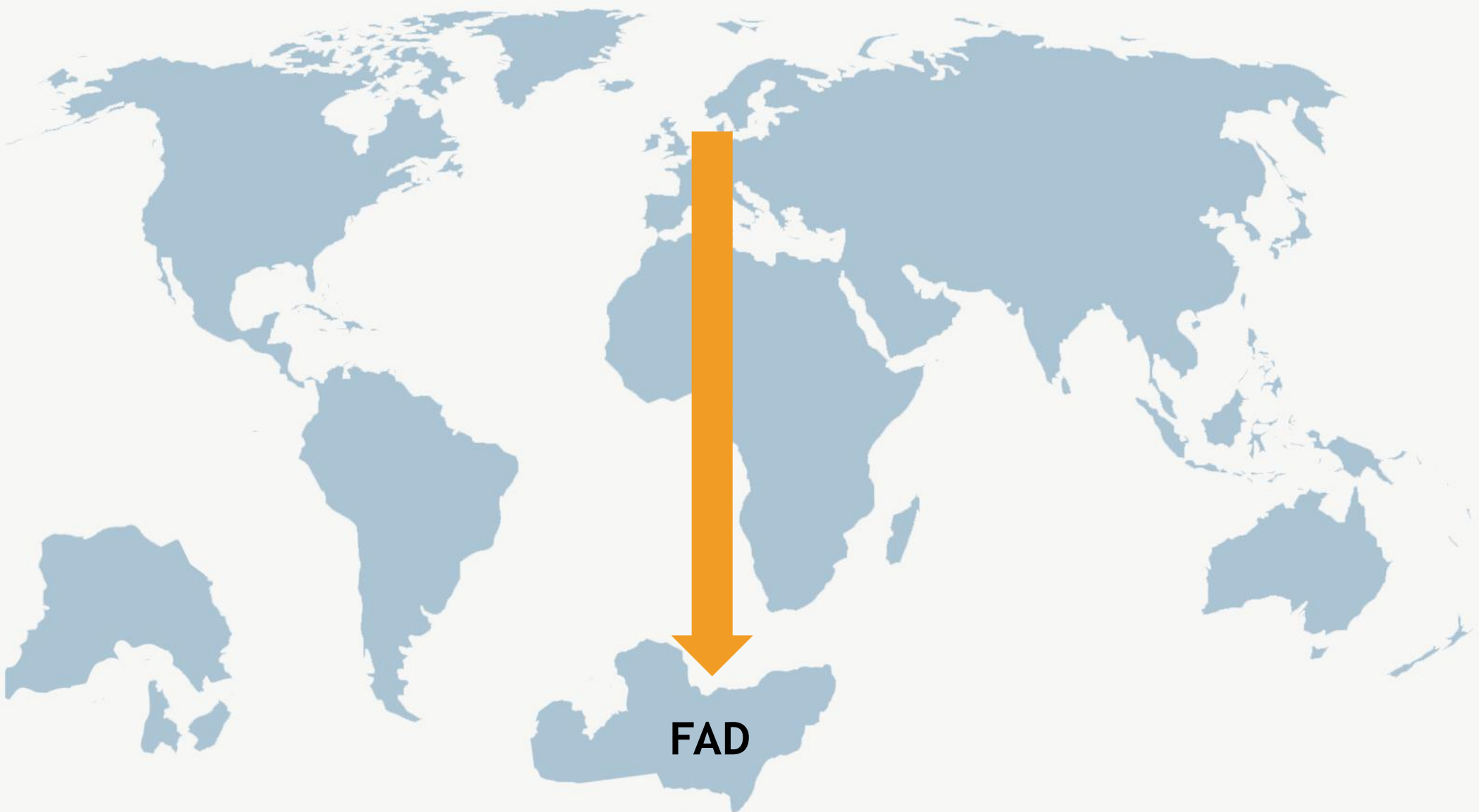
CONSIDER TWO FICTITIOUS DIVISIONS

1. Fastest Growing Division (FAD)
2. Middle-of-Nowhere Division (MID)





Example 1



4	Union Conferences	8	42 delegates
2	Union Missions	2	
10	Local Conferences	20	
12	Local Missions	12	



FAD

Membership as of December 31st of the 2nd year preceding the GC Session



Example 1





4	Union Conferences	8	
2	Union Missions	2	42
10	Local Conferences	20	delegates
12	Local Missions	12	

World Membership: 30 Million
FAD Membership: 7.5 Million (25%)
 $25\% \times 400 = 100$ delegates



Example 1

FAD

Membership as of December 31st of the 2nd year preceding the GC Session





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12	Local Missions	12	

World Membership: 30 Million
FAD Membership: 7.5 Million (25%)
 $25\% \times 400 = 100$ delegates

Total Regular Delegates: 142 delegates

FAD



Example 1



Membership as of December 31st of the 2nd year preceding the GC Session



Example 2

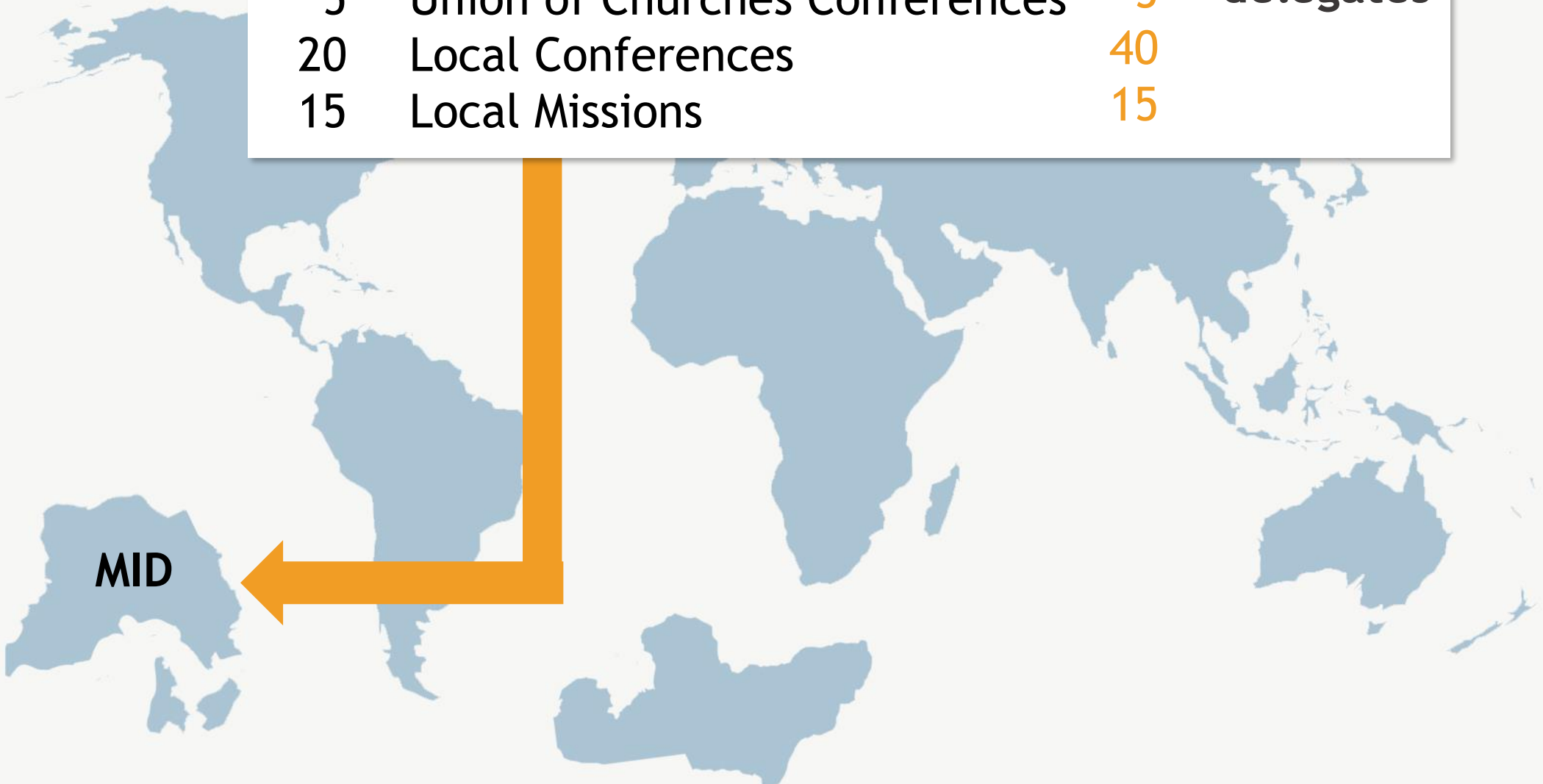


MID

15	Union Conferences	30	100 delegates
10	Union Missions	10	
5	Union of Churches Conferences	5	
20	Local Conferences	40	
15	Local Missions	15	



Example 2



MID

Membership as of December 31st of the 2nd year preceding the GC Session

15	Union Conferences	30	100 delegates
10	Union Missions	10	
5	Union of Churches Conferences	5	
20	Local Conferences	40	
15	Local Missions	15	

World Membership: 30 Million
 MID Membership: 1.5 Million (5%)
 5% x 400 = **20** delegates

MID

Membership as of December 31st of the 2nd year preceding the GC Session



Example 2



15	Union Conferences	30	100 delegates
10	Union Missions	10	
5	Union of Churches Conferences	5	
20	Local Conferences	40	
15	Local Missions	15	

World Membership: 30 Million
 MID Membership: 1.5 Million (5%)
 $5\% \times 400 = 20$ delegates

Total Regular Delegates: **120** delegates

MID

Membership as of December 31st of the 2nd year preceding the GC Session



Example 2



3. DELEGATES AT-LARGE



- a. All members of the GC Executive Committee
- b. Associate Directors/Secretaries of the GC
- c. 20 delegates from GC appointed staff
- d. 20 delegates from each division
- e. Delegates corresponding to the number of division institutions in its territory
- f. 300 delegates - GC/division institutions - Field secretaries, laypersons, and pastors selected by GC/Division Executive Committees

Constitution & Bylaws

Article V,
Section 8, a-f

At least 50 percent: layperson, pastors, teachers, non-administrative, both genders, wide age group and nationalities. In this 50 percent, a majority shall be laypersons.





8. a.	Union Conference	4	
	Union Mission	2	22
	Frontline Pastors	5	delegates
	Laity	5	at-large

- 8. d. 20 delegates for each division
- 8. e. 3 delegates (division institutions)
- 8. f. 27 delegates

Total Delegates at-large : 72 delegates

FAD

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CHURCH STRUCTURE

42

2



CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

100

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DELEGATES-AT-LARGE

72

FAD: 214 Delegates Total

CALCULATION OF GCS DELEGATES SUMMARY

CHURCH STRUCTURE (Article V, Sec. 7, a-f)

- a. Union Conference: 2
- b. Union Mission: 1
- c. Union of Churches Conf.: 1
- d. Union of Churches Mission: 0
- e. Local Conference: 2
- f. Local Mission: 1

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP (Article V, Sec. 7, g)

- g. Not to exceed 400 delegates

DELEGATES-AT-LARGE (Article V, Sec. 8, a-f)

- a. All members of the GCEC
- b. Assoc.Dir./Secretaries of GC
- c. 20 del. from GC app. staff
- d. 20 del. from each division
- e. Del. corresponding to the number of division institutions in its territory
- f. 300 delegates

Church Structure + Church Membership = Total Regular Delegates

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