

DESCRIPTION OF ROLES FOR DELEGATES AND YOUNG LEADER DELEGATES

<u>TITLE</u>	Local church Delegates to the Annual Gathering of the Missouri Mid-South Conference United Church of Christ
<u>AUTHORITY & TERM</u>	Elected by local congregation to serve a term consistent with the Church's constitution
<u>GENERAL DESCRIPTION</u>	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