UHCA – NORTHERN DISTRICT ELECTION 2024

Dear United Holy Church of America – Northern District Convocation Members:

The Northern District Election of officers occurs this year, 2024.

Bios of the candidates are available on the Northern District website at <u>www.nd.unitedholy.church</u>.

The election process began with the mailing of paper ballots on May 15, 2024, to registered voters who requested them. The early mailing was to give ample time for delivery by the USPS and return of your paper ballot **postmarked no later than midnight June 10, 2024**. Many of you have already returned your paper ballots, casting your vote. The vote by electronic ballot will take place on Thursday, June 27th from 8am until 8pm. The votes will be tabulated by ElectionBuddy, the election system being used to process our election this year. Results of the election will be given in the official report at the business session of the Northern District Convocation on Saturday, June 29, 2024.

The ELECTRONIC VOTING process is simple:

1) An electronic link to vote will be sent by email or text message on Thursday, June 27, 2024, at 8:00 AM (EST) and will automatically close at 8:00 PM Thursday, June 27, 2024 (EST).

2) You will receive a text message to your cell phone and/or an email to your email address (which was included on the Master Voter Registration List), titled, "VOTE NOW: UHCA-Northern District Election Ballot 2024".

3) Each voter is assigned a UNIQUE VOTER ACCESS KEY (by "ElectionBuddy"). Once you receive your voting link, please "click" on the link provided.

EXAMPLES: Option 1 – "Click on this link"

secure.uhca.com/28RT-NFVZ-RDDS-UHC-ND [This link includes your Unique Voter Access Key].

<u>Option 2</u> – "Click on this link" secure.uhca.com/ballot/ and enter the UNIQUE VOTER ACCESS KEY provided.

4) After clicking the voting link (as noted in the examples above), the ballot will appear. You will make your selection for each position listed on the ballot. **PLEASE NOTE: You must make one selection for each position for your ballot to be submitted.** It should take each voter approximately 2-4 minutes to cast their vote. If you do not see the "VOTE NOW" email, please be sure to check your email's junk/spam folder.

Do not share the voting link received via email and/or via text message with anyone! ElectionBuddy is a secure system and will only allow one voter to cast their ballot per voting link. The UNIQUE VOTER ACCESS KEY is assigned specifically for YOUR vote only. Keep in mind - your voting choices will remain anonymous. If, for any reason, you need assistance or you do not receive an electronic ballot by 9 AM (EST) Thursday, June 27, 2024, please contact, by email, one of the following, providing your name, phone number, local church and subdistrict:

- ElectionBuddy, specialist, <u>uhca-nd@electionbuddy.com</u> (9 AM to 5 PM EST)
- Carolyn Dildy, Administrator at <u>granny_cad@msn.com</u> (or send text to 202-236-3958)
- Milton Douglas, Technical Support, uhca.stats@gmail.com

SPECIAL ONSITE REGISTERED VOTERS:

Onsite Voters are those registered persons who (1) did not request a paper ballot, (2) did not provide adequate information to qualify for electronic voting (email address or cell phone number), or (3) the information submitted to ElectionBuddy (mailing address, cell phone numbers and/or email address) was deemed invalid because of incomplete or inaccurate information. Onsite Voters have the right to vote. However, they must appear in person at the Northern District Convocation Voting Site on Thursday, June 27, 2024 to receive their UNIQUE VOTER ACCESS KEY (assigned by ElectionBuddy) and can only vote electronically. No paper ballots will be available at the voting site. Voter assistance will be provided by the 2024 Northern District Procedures-Election Committee (for voters who do not have their own electronic devices such as cell phones, tablets, IPADS, or computers).

Thank you to everyone for your cooperation in support of the election.

Sincerely,

Carolyn A. Dildy Chairlady 2024 Northern District Procedures-Election Committee