

ARUMC General and Jurisdictional Conference Self Nomination Form

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Please send this completed form, and a photo of yourself as a separate attachment, to vicki.davis@arumc.org by **April 15, 2015**.



Membership:

Clergy (*Clergy Member in Full Connection - Para. 35, 2012 Book of Discipline.*)

Lay (*A professing member of the United Methodist Church for at least two years preceding their election; and an active participant in the United Methodist Church for at least four years preceding their election; and a member of a church within the Arkansas Annual Conference - Para. 36, 2012 Book of Discipline. Lay delegates need not be voting members of the Annual Conference to be elected.*)

District:

Please select your district. Central District

Church:

What is your local church? Arkansas Conference Staff

Commitment as a Delegate and Christian Conferencing Guidelines:

I have read and accept the [Christian Conferencing Guidelines](#).

Yes

No

Share your reasons for wanting to be a delegate.

Please limit to 150 words.

I believe that as a global 21st century Church we must meet the demands of technology, ecology, and economy with a renewed sense of hope. We must innovate and be the creative faith response in a world that is hurting and in need of the Holy Spirit. The United Methodist Church is uniquely qualified to provide a clarion call to love God and love neighbor. I believe that I have been called to facilitate "God's kingdom to come on earth as in heaven". One of the ways to do this is through representing Arkansas in the General and Jurisdictional Conference as a voice of reason steeped in the Wesleyan Evangelical Tradition; yet understanding that we must "serve the present age" through that calling. Since I was a child in Confirmation, then as an adult working in corporate America and serving in my local church as Administrative Council Chair, and finally as clergy, I have come to appreciate the diversity that The United Methodist Church brings to ecumenical and interfaith understanding. I want to be a part of broadening those understandings.

What leadership experiences have you had in the church or community that will help you do the work of the delegation?

Please limit to 150 words.

I have taught at both Mission U (School of Mission) and Course of Study wherein I have been able to interact with both laity and clergy. I have served the Arkansas Conference Board of Ordained Ministry as the Vocation and Discernment Coordinator; Arkansas Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission (hears complaints on judges, appointed by Governor Beebe); the National Secretary of the Black Clergywomen of The United Methodist Church; the Arkansas Women's Project Leadership Team; Vice Chairperson of the Little Rock Christian Ministerial Alliance, and was recently named to the Gammon Seminary Board of Trustees. I have served in the local church, on the college campus as a Wesley Foundation director, and currently serve as the Assistant Director of Mission and Ministry for Mission Field Engagement.

Share three (3) areas crucial to The United Methodist Church's mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world:

Please limit to 150 words.

- 1) Identification and nurture of laity and clergy leadership for service through The United Methodist Church.
- 2) Strengthening the unity of the global United Methodist Church through focusing on our main mission without apology: making disciples for the transformation of the world.
- 3) Enabling and supporting each congregation and campus ministry to make an impact where they are planted

What are three (3) issues emerging from those areas you stated above:

Please limit to 150 words.

- 1) Leadership Development: Helping congregations to understand that they ARE the place where leadership begins and is enhanced through providing places where persons can actualize their gifts and graces.
- 2) Global understanding: Creating small group networks of persons, who without regard to status, are able to reach across barriers to assist persons globally in their understanding of the Great Commission which Wesley phrased as "the world is our parish."
- 3) Nimble responses to need: Encouraging creativity and flexibility of response to immediate needs in a community where people can "find a need and fill it; see a hurt and heal it".