

ARUMC General and Jurisdictional Conference

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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. Northwest District

Church:

What is your local church? Diamond City & Omaha United Methodist Churches

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.

I love our church. We have an awesome story to tell, but too many times the story gets lost. I want to be a delegate because I believe in our story. I believe the UMC can make a difference in the world and in the lives of people. I have watched churches turn inward and we can do better. I want to be a part of the process that is not afraid to dive in head first to continue our story for years to come. I want to help make a difference.

Please limit to 150 words.

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

I have been active in the church my entire life. I was active in my local church, DCYM, CCYM and Wesley Foundation Ministry. I served as the ASU Wesley Foundation Intern, Assistant Director, & Director of Delta Pride Camp. I have served on the United Methodist Publishing House Board of Directors, Conference Board of Higher Education, Conference Board of Outdoor Ministry, Chair of Board of Global Ministries, Co-chair Hunger Task Force, District Board of Building and Location, District Committee on Ministry, Board Member of JFON and UAM Wesley Board Member. I was the Conference Minister of Mission and Outreach. I was very active with VIM and UMCOR. I also worked with Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families where I lobbied for children and families on the state and federal level. I have taught at Local Pastors License School, Lay Servant School, Course of Study and helped organize the residential COS at Mt. Sequoyah sponsored by the SCJ College of Bishops. I also serve as a Circuit Elder.

Please limit to 150 words.

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

1. Reaching out to the least, the last and the lost. Our world is hurting. We need to renew our focus on missions and evangelism.
2. Recognize, Appreciate and Learn from our global churches. The churches in Africa are experiencing "revival" and we could learn a lot from their spirit.
3. Focus on how to support clergy to be effective, passionate, spiritual and accountable leaders.

Please limit to 150 words.

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

1. Reaching out to the least, the last and the lost. It's an old concept but always emerging into new ministries, new disciples for Jesus Christ and new hope for our hurting world. How can our church truly make a difference in the lives of those who are struggling? What ways can we be active in our love to our neighbors?
2. We are the body of Christ and we could learn so much from our global churches. How can we move from a self serving church to a God-centered church? How can we help the church move from inward focused to outward focused?
3. Our clergy are struggling. We need to find new and innovative ways to train and support clergy throughout our church. We need strong leaders who are not afraid to be held accountable for their actions. We need leaders who believe in the United Methodist Church and support our Discipline. We need to recapture our Wesleyan heritage as a means to support and train our clergy. We need our lay speakers, local pastors, provisional members, retirees, deacons and elders- all our important. How can foster a system that supports all kinds of churches, pastors and callings?

Please limit to 150 words.