

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. Southeast District

Church:

What is your local church? First United Methodist - Stuttgart

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 feel called to be a delegate. The responsibility of such service requires a major commitment of time, hard work and prayer. For me, it would be much easier to simply concentrate on leading and serving First United Methodist Stuttgart. But after much prayer and deliberation, to serve again is what I sense God is calling me to do. For me, that means offering myself as a candidate to the 2016 Jurisdictional and General Conference.

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 was honored to serve on the delegation in 2004, 2008 and 2012. Participating as a member of our delegation reaffirmed for me my absolute commitment to serve God and do His will through United Methodism. Delegates to Jurisdictional and General Conference should be people who are servant leaders willing to ask, "What is God's will on this issue? What is best for the Church? Throughout my ministry, serving God and doing His will has been my passion even when it requires taking a strong stand on controversial issues. One of the most controversial issues to be voted on at the 2016 Conference is ordination. As an elected representative of our conference, I will vote to affirm the Discipline's present wording as it relates to ordination and marriage.

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) Evangelism.....2) Evangelism.....3)Evangelism ...We must keep "the main thing, the main thing!" I rejoice in that The United Methodist Church is growing on a global basis. We must rediscover the need of evangelism in America, to reach out and make friends and build relationships with those who live in our communities. I am blessed to serve a congregation that is reaching the mission field of Arkansas County. We are growing in making disciples by loving our neighbors and offering them Jesus. Bishop Mueller is serious when he says we need "Revival!" In America The United Methodist Church must refocus on our wonderful Wesleyan Theology and "Offer Christ!"

Please limit to 150 words.

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

Though we face significant challenges as a denomination, I am hopeful about the future of The United Methodist Church. We must reclaim our identity as a vital Wesleyan movement and reach a new generation of people who in return reach another generation for Christ. Six years ago I moved to Stuttgart and we were an older congregation that felt the need to reach out to the community. Today we are a renewed and vital growing younger congregation. Kids, youth and young adults are everywhere in our congregation! Evangelism does have an impact and is the key to growth. Let us love Jesus and reach our mission field. I invite questions concerning my stand on any issue that may come before the conference. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of my candidacy.

Please limit to 150 words.