

## 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](mailto: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? Sheridan First United Methodist Church

### 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.*

The United Methodist Church is my home. It is the Church that I was baptized in as an infant, and the Church that I first experienced the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ which led to my profession of faith. It is the Church that acknowledged my call to ministry, enabled me to fulfill that call, and continues to share with me opportunities to be in servant ministry. I am blessed to serve as a United Methodist pastor in the Arkansas Annual Conference, and I would like to serve as a delegate for the purpose of giving back to the Church that has been so instrumental in helping me to become who I am. I also feel called to serve as a delegate for the purpose of working to sustain the future of the United Methodist Church so it can continue to make a difference in the lives of others.

**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 served on the faculty of Local Pastor's Licensing School since 2008 and on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry's Executive Committee since 2011 as the Chair of Ministerial Assessment. I have served as a Circuit Elder since the beginning of the program. These experiences along with my appointments have opened my understanding to the concerns of both Ordained and Licensed clergy, as well as small and large churches, and our continued need to work together. Last year working with other pastors in my community's Ministerial Alliance I helped to create the first Summer Feeding Program in our county, and of its type. Due to my ability and willingness to work with community leaders and pastors from other denominations I was elected to serve as the president of this alliance to help stabilize this program for the future, and to increase the number of sites offered and children served.

**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. Total Spiritual Revival: To focus on the spiritual revival (by focusing on the Wesleyan way of Salvation) of our local congregations that they might be empowered by the Holy Spirit to seek new ways to reach out into the communities that they serve.
2. Outreach and Evangelism: To continue to equip the laity of our congregations that they might feel confident in their own ability to be in ministry to the world.
3. Young People: To make a difference in the life of the children, youth, and young adults that we serve that through discipling programs they may respond to God's call in their life, and to be active in their faith whether they seek ordination as clergy or serve as active lay members of their local church.

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

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1. The Wesleyan Way of Salvation includes both Works of Piety and Acts of Mercy. This is the strength of our tradition! However, as individual churches we sometimes tend to focus on one of these aspects over the other. True spiritual revival requires us to make both of these an important part of all we do.
2. Every Christian is a Minister, yet we tend to focus on the ministry of the Ordained as primary over the ministry of the laity. The potential for our churches to grow and experience revival resides within the faithfulness of the laity and within our ability to empower them to ministries that they are called to lead.
3. If current research is correct and we begin to lose our children by the second grade, it is imperative that more local congregations be equipped, through ministries, programs, and curriculum to reach these age groups.