

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 **March 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? Lakeside, Pine Bluff

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.

Privileged to have attended the last two general and jurisdictional conferences as an alternate, I feel that I could contribute to the work of the delegation as a person fully aware of the requirements of spiritual strength, physical endurance, and the utmost trust and faith in God. God's future is one which shall surely surprise us yet we are confident that God's future shall be one which completes the promises of Jesus Christ. I would like to represent Arkansas because I believe that I can be faithful to Christ in all deliberations and open to the movement of the Holy Spirit as we do the important work of the respective conferences. I have served in small, medium, and large congregations in all of the state except the NW and so feel well acquainted with diversity of our church.

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?

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I have participated at all levels of our church--active local congregational membership, teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir; districts, conferences (Little Rock, North Arkansas, and AR)--as a member of boards/committees/task forces re: older adults, singles, teens in crisis, COSROW, United Methodist Women, School of Christian Mission/mission u, building and locations, Pensions, Ordained Ministry, Council on Ministry/Leadership Team. I've been chair, vice-chair, secretary and an active member. Representing AR as the leader of the delegation to the President's conference on libraries in 1991, I worked on a diverse team. I served on an international committee of the PEO Sisterhood. I served on FOCAL board, (Friends of the Central Ar Libraries), the Blytheville Chamber of Commerce. Active in Rotary, Delta Kappa Gamma, Hendrix Board of Trustees, and the United Methodist Foundation of Arkansas. All of these require collaborative, creative, and diligent work. Participation in all of the work of the general and jurisdictional conferences requires the ability to read and think clearly, to listen well to others and particularly to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Since Palm Sunday 1982, I have been a committed United Methodist Christian-evangelical and feminist.

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.

An informed, enthusiastic evangelism to all people which arises from spiritually mature disciples
Generous and consistent service at the grassroots to all people, especially the poor, children, and women
Appropriate attention to systemic issues which affect the world's experience of injustice

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

Please limit to 150 words.

Evangelism requires us to address hermeneutical issues of understanding our Savior and the Bible. We must rekindle the flame within us. Study the Bible with curious expectation. Apply the Bible with confident hope.
We must analyze the ways we can truly help in ministries with the poor so that the Gospel is communicated as well as material needs met. In order to feed the hungry, heal the sick, comfort the lonely, rehabilitate the prisoners, aid the victims, we must understand the root causes leading to bodily and spiritual needs. We must be willing to work for change in secular structures because of our theological beliefs.
Thus, the issues intertwine: evangelism leads us to the world where we see needs we can alleviate through missions of the church. Social justice moves us to help right the wrongs so that evangelism can speak the full Good News. And, in order to accomplish any of this, we must remember that we are heirs of Christ living in God's kingdom where our allegiance is. We need to refocus on being the disciples who can more deeply walk with Jesus Christ in fruitful faithful do the work God has for us, here and now.