

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. Northeast District

Church:

What is your local church? Corning FUMC

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.

It took me twenty-nine years of regular church attendance before, "my heart was strangely warmed." After that I became passionate about helping church members experience spiritual revival. Since then my focus has broadened to include people outside as well as inside the church community. I believe the heart of our denomination needs to be "strangely warmed" so we refocus our energies on sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in our hurting world. Until we do this we will continue to decline. I love the United Methodist Church and want to be a delegate to help our denomination get back on track.

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?

My experience pastoring small and struggling churches in inner city Little Rock and the rural Corning has brought me up close and personal to the day to day effects of poverty on people's lives. As an effective circuit elder I have worked closely with several small churches in Clay county. I also have extensive experience ministering to individuals with developmental and physical disabilities. I hope to bring balance to the delegation by representing small churches and individuals who are often overlooked, but who are just the kind of people with whom Jesus spent his time. I represent small churches on the Arkansas Conference Council for Finance and Administration. In Corning I have chaired the Ministerial Alliance. I have served as the Spiritual Director on a Walk to Emmaus.

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:

Spiritual vitality and a passion to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world throughout our denomination from the most powerful agency down to the smallest of our churches. Effective missions in the name of Jesus Christ.
An appropriate balance of grace and truth in which we extend God's grace to everyone while holding fast to the truth. Absolutely everyone needs to be welcomed and loved as a child of God, but we need to be clear that not every behavior is godly. While leaving the judgement to God, we must not affirm behaviors that appear to be contrary to God's way as prayerfully determined primarily by searching scripture, but also informed by tradition, reason and experience.

Please limit to 150 words.

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

The church in the United States needs to listen to and learn from the church in Africa and other parts of the world where our denomination is growing. How can we all become the passionate, Spirit-filled body of Christ?
It is good in the short-term to give food to people who are starving, but we must also address the spiritual, physical and political reasons why they are starving.
Ministry happens in the local churches. How can we put our denominational resources into equipping our members to develop a deep personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and teach them how to prayerfully apply scripture, tradition, reason and experience to search out real truth? After much prayer and searching I am convinced that the Discipline's current stance on marriage and ordination should remain unchanged. We should focus on helping people develop strong, godly, heterosexual marriages.

Please limit to 150 words.