

ARUMC General and Jurisdictional Conference Self N

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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? Heritage UMC, Van Buren, AR

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 Jesus and His Church, of which the United Methodist Church is a part. My family roots go back many generations in this denomination in Arkansas. Reading our history of true spiritual revival which led to sweeping social change, especially in England and the United States, leads me to want to see us experience such revival and have such impact on our culture again. That will require bold and visionary spiritual leadership.

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?

As a youth, I was president of the N. Arkansas Conference Council on Youth Ministries and was a delegate to the UMC National Youth Ministries Organization. I have served 23 years as an ordained pastor in Arkansas with appointments to four churches, all of which experienced strong numerical growth during my tenure. I have served on the conference Nominations Committee and Board of Discipleship. I was part of the leadership team to start the Heart of the Ozarks Emmaus Walk community. I served our country in the United States Army and the Arkansas National Guard for nearly 27 years as a field artillery officer and chaplain. I have been mobilized or deployed for 28 months since 9/11. I retired in February, 2015, as the Senior Command Chaplain for the Arkansas National Guard (Army and Air) leading 55 religious support personnel providing spiritual leadership and care to 10,000 soldiers, airmen and their families. This position required that I receive six years of strategic leadership development training on the national level and help navigate the military through the repeal of the "don't ask don't tell" policy and the Defense of Marriage Act and its implications for the military and its chaplaincy.

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. That we reclaim our mandate from John Wesley that we "have nothing to do but to save souls and spread scriptural holiness throughout the land."
2. That we demonstrate the power of the Holy Spirit to transform lives radically!
3. That we demonstrate the love of Jesus in practical ways to the world around us -- that we make the presence of Jesus real!

Please limit to 150 words.

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

1. That we focus on the Great Commandments and the Great Commission as our top priorities.
2. That we come to agreement on our stances in The UM Book of Discipline and then abide by them for the sake of unity and our collective witness.
3. That we lower our denominational overhead expenses so more of our finances can go to making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world locally and abroad.

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