

## 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. Northeast District

### Church:

What is your local church? Saint Paul United Methodist Church, Searcy

### 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've been a United Methodist my whole life. I love the local church and our denomination. I believe deeply in our historic and Wesleyan theology and our commitment to "spread Scriptural holiness across the land". We have some obstacles to overcome as a body and I want to help lead us in refocusing our attention to Jesus' mandate to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations..."

*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 have been a part of United Methodist mission teams and camping experiences since I was 14 years old. I served on the old Paragould/Jonesboro DCYM my last two years of high school and the North Arkansas CCYM my senior year as a part of the planning team for Levav (if y'all remember that). I was active in the University of Arkansas Wesley Foundation as a participant and leader. I've served as a Circuit Elder and on the DCOM of the NW District and am currently on the Waylan Spring board. I'm also a current Doctor of Ministry student at Asbury Theological Seminary.

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**Share three (3) areas crucial to The United Methodist Church's mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world:**

First, it is crucial that we know what a disciple is and how to make disciples. We must learn what it looks like to be an apprentice of Jesus Christ and how to model that for other people. Second, our apprenticeship to Jesus must result in an overflow of the holy love of God in our lives that spills into everything we do including our relationships within our communities. Third, we've got to become counter-cultural in our thinking and practice with regard to the nature of the church and church membership. The church doesn't exist to serve those currently in the church, we exist as the church to serve those outside of the church and our decisions and ministries ought to reflect that.

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

1) We ought to be learning from our fellow United Methodists who are making disciples, particularly those from outside the United States. African Methodism isn't growing because of the tips and tricks of leadership principles but because they are doing what Jesus said to do. 2) Reduce and streamline the bureaucracy of the denomination and local churches so that we can adapt more quickly to the issues facing disciple-making congregations. 3) Create a simpler expression about what we believe which will be easier to communicate to the unchurched so we can do something better than handing them a Discipline.

*Please limit to 150 words.*