

## ARUMC General and Jurisdictional Conference S

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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. Southwest District

### Church:

What is your local church? Hot Springs First United Methodist

### 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 the United Methodist Church. God has blessed our denomination in many ways, and I believe God is still using us to make disciples who transform their communities and congregations with a message of love that matters and connects with the deepest need in the human experience. We are at our best when we are reaching across self-drawn lines of separation and discord to be witnesses for Christ who redeems, forgives, sustains, and commissions us.

*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 serving the church as an ordained pastor since 1977. I've been privileged to serve as an associate pastor, senior pastor, and district superintendent. I've held leadership positions in both Annual Conferences in Arkansas before our merger to become one conference as well as serving the General Church through an 8-year service on the General Board of one of our General Agencies. So, I'm happy to say that I've seen the Church in action on local, state-wide, national, and international levels.

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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:**

1. Unity
2. Empowerment of the Holy Spirit
3. A sense of urgency and renewal for disciple-making and transformation.

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

1. We must find a way in our quest for unity to restore a yearning for healing and wholeness--God is able and we must find a footing that is squarely on God's "side" seeking justice, and mercy.
2. We must foster a willingness to yield to the power of the Holy Spirit in the midst of our own agendas and position-statements.
3. We must lean more into the fresh new wind of what God can do and away from the sense of fear and timidity based merely on what we have known and/or seen in the past.

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