

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. Southeast District

Church:

What is your local church? n/a

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.

Please limit to 150 words.

My desire to serve as a delegate came after much prayer. I do not take this task lightly. If given an opportunity, I promise you I will do the difficult work with the rest of the delegation. Throughout my journey in ministry I've experienced many paradigm shifts. I now find myself at a unique place in ministry. As a superintendent, I am growing and developing my new role while seeking to serve both the clergy and laity of Southeast district. I am continuing to grow and develop spiritually. I have the privilege to hear how God is moving in lives of clergy and laity. I am learning how vital it is to keep Jesus Christ central in my life. It is out of this Christ-centered focus that I declare my desire to serve the Annual conference as a General or Jurisdictional delegate.

What leadership experiences have you had in the church or community that will help you do the work of the delegation?

Please limit to 150 words.

I have worked in various committees in the Arkansas Annual conference here are a few:

- * Board of Trustees Philander Smith College
- * Outdoor Ministries
- * Arkansas Conference Board of Finance and Administration
- * Arkansas Conference Black Methodist for Church Renewal
- * Mount Eagle Board of Directors
- * Church and Society
- * Cabinet Secretary

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.

We are at a critical time as a denomination. Over the past four years, we discussed numerous changes in our polity that we shape the future of United Methodist Church. The most critical area is our unity as a denomination. As United Methodist, we must remain unified no matter how we differ in opinion. In addition, we need to make our mission the primary focus of everything we do. There are times I feel we as a denomination spend too much energy on everything else but make disciples. Lastly, we must accomplish the mission of the church with spiritual vitality not programmatic processes. New disciples are made when the people who are currently in the church get excited about Jesus and serve the mission field!

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

Please limit to 150 words.

First of all, I believe the numerous societal and cultural issues of our world are dictating the discussion of our church. We must be focused on our unique mission in this world. As the body of Christ, we call to transformation within our current social realities. Secondly, we have generations who have no religious memory. We have to explore how to share the gospel in new ways for people to have a new experience of Jesus Christ. Lastly, I am concerned about the spiritual and numerical decline of the United Methodist Church. I believe that these two issues are hand in hand. The issues around our spiritual decline feed into our numerical decline. These issues are crucial to our future work as United Methodists.