



## 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:** Elder in Full Connection

*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:**

Northeast District

**Church:** Griffin Memorial UMc

**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.*

I believe that if the Mission Field is the most important reason for appointments, then pay equity across the board must be addressed at General Conference. I also sincerely believe that our theology as Methodists must be defended and our traditions upheld.

**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.*

1. I am on the Conference evangelism committee
2. I am on the District Board of Ministry and was on the central district board as well
3. I am an Elder and part of my calling is the Order of the church

**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.*

1. Pay for Clergy should be done through each annual conference based on years of experience and some form of merit pay. Clergy pay should be included with apportionments so that appointments can be based on the mission field and need.
2. We live in a lost world, only Jesus can save us. Nothing else!
3. Scripture above all!

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

*Please limit to 150 words.*

1. Clergy pay is self explanatory. However, if we are not willing to address this issue, then we should look to eliminate our current system offering the local church control.
2. If clergy can't offer Jesus in a way to reach people and change lives, they must be trained so that they can. If they still can't, eliminate guaranteed appointment.
3. Scripture above all!

