

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. Central District

Church:

What is your local church? Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church

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 believe deeply in the future of the United Methodist Church, and as a delegate to Jurisdictional & General Conference I could be a part of helping lead the denomination I love into being all that it can be, embracing its call to make disciples and transform the world. As a current seminary student at Garrett-Evangelical, I'm being immersed in the doctrine and polity of the UMC that will help me make well-informed decisions about our work as a denomination. It is also important to me that youth & young adults participate in all levels of our connection, and I want to be a delegate so that I can represent my generation as a young United Methodist leader.

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?

- Delegate to Global Young People's Convocation 2010, Berlin, Germany
- Associate Youth Minister at Pulaski Heights UMC, Little Rock 2009-2013
- Central District (2009-2013) & Conference (2011-2013) Council on Youth Ministries
- At-Large Delegate to Annual Conference, 2010-2012 & 2014
- Board of Trustees, University of Arkansas at LR Wesley Foundation, 2011-2013
- Co-leader, PHUMC VIM Team to Haiti, 2011

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. We need to do everything possible to raise up & equip youth and young adults for leadership in the denomination – both present and future, both lay and clergy! It is important to help young people discern their vocation and how they are called to serve God in the world.
2. We must continue our strong tradition of mission and justice throughout the world. The United Methodist Church must continue to be on the front lines, meeting the practical needs of all God's people through programs & initiatives such as UMCOR, Imagine No Malaria, and advocacy work.
3. Our denomination must do a better job of creating inclusive communities if we want to be successful in inviting people to relationship & transformation. Divisions in the church based not only on sexual orientation but also on race, socio-economic status, age, etc. must be removed so that all people are welcome.

Please limit to 150 words.

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

1. Vocational discernment is a crucial issue for the future of the UMC, not just for youth & young adults but for all people. People are yearning to feel like what they're doing makes a difference, and the church can help them discover how to use their gifts for the building up of the Kingdom.
2. Making the most of our connectional system & denominational resources. By working together & tapping into the vast resources available to us, we can be 1) more informed and 2) more effective in our work at all levels of the denomination, from inter-cultural dialogue & mission at the global level to resourcing local congregations for their unique missional needs.
3. Full inclusion for all persons in the United Methodist Church. Specifically, the denomination must continue to address the ways in which the LGBTQ community is denied full participation in the life of the church.

Please limit to 150 words.