

ARUMC General and Jurisdictional Conference Self

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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. Northwest District

Church:

What is your local church? Highlands 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.

Please limit to 150 words.

I see the opportunity of representing our Annual Conference by serving as delegate to General Conference as a great honor, and one I won't take lightly. I love Arkansas and I love the United Methodist Church. Therefore I really want to take this opportunity to bring in a young persons voice for helping the church get back to the basics of build upon the corner stone, Jesus Christ. I want to be a voice that champions holiness. I don't want to just sit back and watch, but I want to be an active part of the solution. I want to help the United Methodist church regain and revive its spirit for unashamedly sharing the gospel and making dsicples. My greatest hope is that we would all be in one accord and seek the Lord for his direction and wisdom regarding General Conference on every level! #Unashamed #WeNeedRevival

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 with people from all kinds of different backgrounds, ethnicities, and theologies. For example, I have served with AmeriCorps in Little Rock through Childrens International. I have learned to work with parents as a youth director, led small groups, and been responsible as a resident chaplain at Greenville College. Currently I serve as a Young Adult Missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries as a Financial Stability Associate. My role is to help low income people get out of financial crisis and reach financial stability. I also lead financial education workshops.

I have been on over 14 Missions Trips around the world and have had the opportunity to develop support groups for widows, organize feeding programs, teach bible classes, provide medical care, set up micro business loans for woman, etc.

Through all these different settings I have been able to gain a much better biblical worldview and understanding of what it means to be a connectional church globally.

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. Offering Christ (evangelism): get out there with a holy boldness and offer people Christ. This is huge. This is not an option. We are called to make disciples, and you can't do that without first sharing the gospel.

2. Spiritual Formation (mentoring, accountability, spiritual disciplines).

3. Being Counter-Cultural (holiness): We are called to be in the world but not of the world. John Wesley urged the Methodists to pursue holiness of heart and life. Thus should be a more visible characteristic of our denomination. issues.

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

Please limit to 150 words.

1. I believe and have even seen some within our denomination back away from evangelism because they fear offending people, they don't feel adequate in sharing their faith, or they do not believe Jesus is necessary for salvation. We need to strengthen and train our members to overcome that fear and step out in faith. If we aren't sharing the good news, than how do we expect to grow the Kingdom of God.
2. We need to be more intentional when it comes to mutual accountability, mentoring our young people, and practicing the spiritual disciplines. This is greatly needed in order to develop mature disciples.
3. I am not sure our lives look all that different from the rest of society. We often blend instead of stand out. The gospel itself is counter cultural, therefore we need to be compassionately counter cultural as well.