

## 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:

**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 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.

There are two main reasons of my wanting to represent the Arkansas Conference at General Conference 2016. I believe that we need more youth/young adults to begin to fill positions such as this in order to allow them to take over the church and its governing body as the time comes. With that, the voice of the youth and young adults, of which I would represent as a whole for the AR Conference, needs to be heard, as we are the church of tomorrow, and the voices that will continue to carry on, only if not suppressed by those who will not hear 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 a delegate and alternate delagate to the Conference for my church for many years. I have recently held an internship and position with The William J. Clinton Foundation, and service on my churches Board of Stewards, now for almost 6 years. I have coordinated peace walks for nonviolence, and have presented successfully resolutions against bullying and gun violence to the Conference. I currently hold the position of All Greek Council representative for my professional fraternity, Phi Mu Alpha. I currently hold numerous leadership and secretarial positions within my alma mater, The Crane School of Music in New York. I am a current member of MFSA, following my great grandmother Lucy Foster. I have served as delegate for my school in numerous out-of-state music conferences.

*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:**

I believe that my local church's mission statement is a wonderful summary of what the UMC is striving to achieve to make disciples, as well as transform the world for the better.

- 1: "Love God." We must be able to proudly express our love to our God, confident in our beliefs, while understanding and accepting of other's.
2. "Love Neighbor." We must openly show our welcome, understanding, and inclusion of ALL people into our church, no matter what may classify them. For if we do not, we will watch the church die before our eyes, in our empty sanctuaries, watching the people who need us just stand outside.
3. "Change the World." It is up to us, and the generations after us to change the world, by doing the latter 2 points. We have a task to change the world for the better, to not only leave it better than we found it, but to show and teach others to do the same, no matter what may exclude them.

*Please limit to 150 words.*

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

1. The Exclusion of people based on biasness: Such as the exclusion of LGBT communities, racial biasness, as well as refusing to understand and learn of the cultures different from one's own.
2. The Separation of Young Adults from the Church: I believe not enough focus is given to the young adult during crucial times in their lives, thus opening a door to let them leave the church, and thus causing the church to die.
3. The Separation of Bodies within the Church: Too many groups and organizations have threatened a split from the UMC just because they cant get their way. I believe that we need to realize that we all serve the same God and Lord, through thoughtful discussion and deliberation, be able to achieve the goals that our Lord has for us, all through an understanding of biblical text, the views of ALL people, as well as a mutual love and respect of one another through the love of Christ, Jesus our Lord.

*Please limit to 150 words.*