

ARUMC General and Jurisdictional Conference Self Nomination Form

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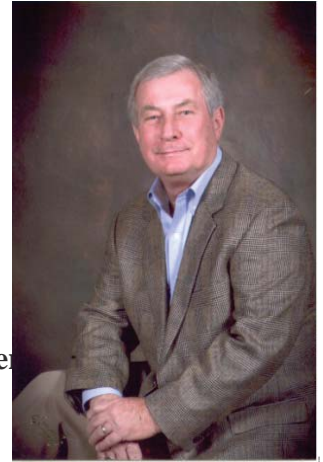
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Please send this completed form, and a photo of yourself as a separate attachment to vicki.davis@arumc.org by **April 15, 2015**.



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. Northeast District

Church:

What is your local church? First United Methodist Church of Beebe,AR

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 have been a Methodist for over sixty years. I have served on every local committee that exists. I am now the Local Lay Leader and the District Lay Leader. I am serving on three Launch teams of the Bishop's Mission Plan. I am also a lay speaker, a Sunday School teacher and officer of the United Methodist Men. While I have grown by being blessed to serve in all of these positions, all of them have been on the local, district, and conference levels. I think in order to do my service well on the local level it would be great to have some experience on the general and jurisdictional level. I feel very strongly that our church must change in order to grow. Not change for the sake of change, but change that facilitates taking the gospel outside our walls.

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.

In addition to the above, I worked for a major utility (Entergy) and helped the company initiate a cultural change from 'business as usual' to a Quality Improvement environment. I work on many teams to bring the change into being. We worked hard to change the way we did almost everything. The result was improved efficiency and improved morale throughout the company. This is the model I think the church is trying to create. I am on the Board of the local Shepherd Center which is a non-denominational gathering and learning center for our senior citizens. The jurisdictional area is where the changes that must be made will have to begin. I would like to help with that effort.

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. We must become a very serious praying community of not just believers but disciples.
2. We must create an atmosphere of accountability. It is the corner stone of progress.
3. All laity, and clergy if needed, must learn the details of reaching out. The better someone is trained the less fear there is in the task.

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

Please limit to 150 words.

- 1 Prayer leads to faith. Faith leads to discipleship. Discipleship leads to outreach.
2. While we would prefer that people work in an area of no accountability the same as if they were working in an area of high accountability, we know that is not reality. Clergy and laity alike have to accept some sort of accountability. Otherwise nothing will change because there is no incentive to change.
3. Many laity do not embrace outreach because they do not feel capable. Some sort of training would be beneficial.