

ARUMC General and Jurisdictional Conference Self N

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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. Central District

Church:

What is your local church? Pulaski Heights

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 love the United Methodist Church and believe God can use our church in great ways! The issues before the church are big and some of them continue to divide us. I believe unity is the best way forward for our church and I will use my ability to listen and understand other viewpoints in all discussion and preparation for General or Jurisdictional Conference. Relationships I have developed in the course of my work at the conference and general church level have prepared me to see and understand different points of view. I believe strongly in Christian Conferencing and believe the Holy Spirit can lead our church to fulfill our vision of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. I have strong organizational skills and am willing to spend the necessary time in preparation for General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

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.

Arkansas Conference Lay Leader since 2012; elected to General and Jurisdictional Conference in 2012 and 2008; currently serving 2nd term on United Methodist Women national board of directors; member General Board of Global Ministries board of directors 2008-2012; member United Methodist Development Fund board of directors 2008-2016; president Arkansas Conference UMW 2006-2008; Camp Aldersgate board of directors 2006-present; 1996-2005 member of Arkansas Conference (and Little Rock Conference) Council on Finance and Administration; various conference and district level UMW positions 1995-2004.

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. Developing and strengthening lay leadership: Laity embracing their role in the church and living out their discipleship in Christ-like, spirit filled communities of faith that serve their neighborhood and the world.
2. The worldwide nature of the church: Successful structuring of our worldwide church that creates deeper connections and greater equality among different parts of the church.
3. Focus on beliefs we share in common: Prayerfully seeking a new way forward.

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

Please limit to 150 words.

The most important emerging issues involve teaching and training leadership, both lay and clergy: How can laity and clergy best partner in ministry to create vital congregations? What will it take to effectively equip our congregations to make disciples? How can our connection (both general church and Arkansas Conference) resource laity at the local level with tools they need?