

ARUMC General and Jurisdictional Conference Self Nomination Form

Name: Sheri A Mathews Date: March 25, 2015 **Email: sheriamathews@gmail.com** Phone Number: 501-276-3544 Address: 5300 Hickory Grove Rd City: Bismarck State: AR Zip Code: 71929 Please send this completed form, and a photo of yourself as a separate attachme 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. Southwest District **Church:** What is your local church? Bismarck UMC **Commitment as a Delegate and Christian Conferencing Guidelines:** I have read and accept the Christian Conferencing Guidelines. X Yes \neg No Share your reasons for wanting to be a delegate. *I believe it is important to be a vital part of the church. * The best way to keep the church alive is to be active in sharing the Word. If me being a delegate reaches just one person and helps them become a believer, them I am fulfilling my calling. 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?

* For the last three (3) years I have been the Laity to Conference for BUMC, and the Spiritual and Emotional Care Team Supervisor for the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church. With this duty I have had extensive training from UMCOR, NCTSN (National Children's Traumatic Stress Network), Red Cross, Children's Disaster Service, SC Jurisdiction, and ARUMC. Most of this training focused on how to help others no matter what their race, religious, or cultural beliefs are.

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:

- * Children Family Ourselves
- *Community
- *World view on different races.

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

It is like disaster relief: First we must take care of ourselves, and our family/home. If we are worried about these, we are not going to be any good to help the church's mission.

- *If we don't first transform ourselves, and our families into true Children of GOD, our congregations will dwindle and die. Instilling values, love, and hope into our children and ourselves will free our hearts and minds to help others. In doing this, we show the love of GOD.
- *In general, communities battle whithin themselves. If we could help them work together we could be more productive and start branching out to the counties, states, etc..
- *This has been "The Battle of the Ages"!!! In a perfect world, we would love eachother for what's inside, not out. The General Conference is a great place to work on this. If we are able, in the near future, to have GC outside the US it would greatly help this. Mixing different cultures together helps show respect, trust, and understanding... With this comes the love of GOD.

Just think, all those Methodist, all that Love, spreading through another country.... AWESOME!

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