

ARUMC General and Jurisdictional Conference

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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 in Searcy, 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.

Although I believe every General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference has been critical, I think 2016 will be especially important to the future of the United Methodists worldwide. I have deep concerns about our membership losses, the lack of due process when pastors and Bishops break covenant regarding matters relating to the Discipline, and numerous proposals for splitting the Church. I can devote the time and energy in order to be an effective delegate in 2016. My past experience as a delegate will help me be prepared for the plenaries and the committee meetings. I would consider it a great honor to serve as a delegate to the 2016 General and Jurisdictional conferences.

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?

General Conference and Jurisdictional delegate 2000, 2004, 2008, and 2012; Sunday School teacher, adults, 4 years; teacher for 2 year olds, 30 years; Chair of SPR; Secretary for local UMW; Disciple Bible study teacher, Lay Director for Walk to Emmaus; President and volunteer for Hope Cottage (a shelter for abused women and children); Chair of Searcy Housing Authority; White County Community Foundation President; CASA of White County chair; and Habitat for Humanity chair. Each of these positions have taught me to be humble, prepared, and able to appreciate and work with people who have very different ideas and goals than mine.

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:

1. Trust in our leaders
2. Reclaiming our Wesleyan heritage that is rooted and grounded in Scripture, the centrality of Jesus Christ as the Son and Savior, and the power and life changing work of the Holy Spirit
3. Unity

Please limit to 150 words.

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

1. Accountability for Bishops, the CT, the Judicial Council, seminaries, Boards and agencies, and the local church.
2. Spiritual renewal first instead of new programs and plans.
3. Instead of showing the world how divided we are, we should be showing them an explosion of social holiness, resulting in revival and renewal in the United Methodist Church.

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