

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 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. Northwest District

Church:

What is your local church? St. Paul's UMC, Harrison

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 grew up in the Methodist/United Methodist church, and have attended church regularly most of my life. Since moving to Arkansas in 1990 I have been active in my local church in a number of capacities, and to a lesser extent in my District and the Annual conference. I am concerned about the future of Christian churches as I see much of the western world turning from the foundation of our civilization (both deliberately and through ignorance). I see the role of the General Conference as not simply providing an administrative framework for the operation of the UMC, but more importantly to provide a vision (and the tools and training to implement that vision) to our local churches. I believe I can contribute to the process of defining and implementing that vision and would like the opportunity to try.

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.

I have served my local church in many capacities over the past 25 or so years, including chairing the Administrative Board, the SPPR committee and the Finance Committee. I have also served as Lay Leader, adult Sunday School teacher, and men's group treasurer, as well as Lay Speaker (Servant) for over 20 years and Lay Delegate to Annual Conference for over a decade. I was also a member of our 'Connected in Christ' team and a part of the planning committee for our building program. I have served as a District Trustee and on the Conference Committee on Small Membership Churches. I have served on several community boards, the state library association board (including a year as president) and on several grant review committees for the state library. Until my retirement last summer I was director of the college library and served on many institutional communities. In short, I have extensive leadership and committee experience which will aid me in being a productive member of the Arkansas delegation.

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 active disciples within the current membership of the church.
2. Involving the local churches in meeting the needs of their local communities.
3. Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the unchurched.

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

Please limit to 150 words.

1. How do we address these areas in ways that engage our current members and positively impact the world around us.
2. What tools can the General and Annual conferences provide to the local churches to help them be more effective in their respective mission fields.
3. How do we share spiritual truth with an unchurched population that is increasingly hostile to and unfamiliar with the church playing any meaningful role in civic affairs or in their personal lives.

