



## 2024 SCJC Self-Nomination Form for Alternate Laity Delegates

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Please send this completed form and a photo of yourself as a separate attachment to [Sara.Andrews@arumc.org](mailto:Sara.Andrews@arumc.org) by June 3, 2024.

### Lay Membership:

*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, 2016 Book of Discipline. Lay delegates need not be voting members of the Annual Conference to be elected.)*

**District:** Northeast

**Church:** Beebe First United Methodist Church

### Commitment as an Alternate Delegate and Christian Conferencing Guidelines:

I have read and accepted the Christian Conferencing Guidelines.

☒ Yes ☐ No



### Share your reasons for wanting to be an alternate delegate:

As I grow older I find it vital to bring myself into structured meetings within the UMC outside of just a youth setting. I also find it important to bring about a youthful sense within the UMC that is often not there, it is important to remember that youth are not only the future but the present.

### What do you believe are three (3) critical challenges facing The United Methodist Church in the next four years?

I believe in the upcoming years the most important challenges to face within the UMC is creating unity (regardless of race, gender, background, or sexual orientation) within the local level all the way to the church as a whole. I also believe it is vital to provide financial aid to all churches, especially small congregations. Lastly I find it important to re-engage the youth within the church.

### Is there any additional information you wish to share about yourself, such as leadership experiences in the church or community, that will help you do the work of the delegation?

Within the last few years, I have served on my home Churches Youth Council, the District Conference Council of Youth Ministries as Media Chair and President, and on the Arkansas Conference Council of Youth Ministries on the Media Task Force and I've recently been elected as the 24-25 ACCYM Chair. These roles have shown me what it means to work in a traditional setting in the church while still upholding the ideals and goals of someone who is striving to be more Christ Like.