



## 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:** Central

**Church:** Quapaw Quarter 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:

For many years, I've been deeply invested in the life of my local church. My dedication extends beyond the local level, as I've held the honor of being a Lay Member of the Annual Conference since 2007. In this role, I actively participated in shaping the conference's direction through committees like the Bishop's Human Sexuality Task Force and the Conference Rules Committee. Currently, I serve on the Conference Board of Church and Society. This experience has fueled a passion for the wider mission of the United Methodist Church. I'm eager to expand my knowledge and contribution by observing and participating in the "business" of the denomination at the Jurisdictional level. This opportunity would allow me to leverage my experience for the benefit of a broader community within the church.

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

1) Finding a way to experience growth in membership or community interaction in an era where younger generations are not "joiners". We need to expand and adapt our concept of membership to reflect these changes in public perception and attitude. 2) Doing our mission and outreach on a tighter budget. 3) Using modern technologies and methods of outreach to continue our mission to "create disciples that create disciples to transform the world". Using these means to present the UMC in a positive light in the face of disinformation about our denomination.

### 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?

I have specialized on the local church level in welcome and outreach, as well as Social Justice issues. I have been a Certified Lay Servant since 2008. I understand the importance of working for positive change when needed, having been actively involved in Reconciling Ministries for the Conference level for all that time.