

June 7, 2024

To All Lay and Clergy Members of the Arkansas Conference:

At the start of each quadrennium, the Arkansas Conference has an opportunity to nominate persons from within our conference membership to become part of a jurisdictional pool of persons to be considered for election to serve on various general church boards and agencies:

- Connectional Table
- General Board of Church and Society
- General Board of Discipleship
- General Board of Global Ministries
- General Board of Higher Education and Ministry
- General Board of Pension and Health Benefits
- The United Methodist Publishing House
- Office of Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships
- General Commission on Communication
- General Commission on Religion and Race
- General Commission on the Status and Role of Women.

According to ¶705 in the *Book of Discipline* and our own precedent, the members of our current General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegation will be named as part of this pool. In addition, Bishop Merrill and the delegation members have decided that further nominations will be accepted from the Arkansas Conference up to the maximum of 45 as prescribed in ¶705.

¶705.1(b) makes it clear that we are to nominate a diverse body of persons for our jurisdictional pool submission. If you are interested in serving on one of the General Boards or Agencies listed above, please fill out the attached Jurisdictional Pool Nomination Form and email it to JurisdictionalNominations@arumc.org by Thursday, June 13. At Annual Conference information will be shared on the demographics of those who have submitted self-nominations, and opportunity will be given on the first day to receive further nominations from the floor. The Delegation will then vet all nominations and submit a final slate to be voted on by the annual conference.

We are grateful to be able to extend to you this opportunity to serve the whole UMC.

Sincerely,

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