

2024 SCJC Self-Nomination Form for Alternate Clergy Delegates

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

Clergy:

District: Central

Church: Cabot 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:

Arkansas United Methodists raised me and formed my faith. It is now the church I serve as an ordained elder. It's the church I know and love. When I attended a Walk to Emmaus retreat, I promised God to serve this church wherever I am needed. This led to pastoral ministry. Since, I have continued to live out that promise. I now serve a church torn apart by disaffiliation. If you choose to call on me to serve as a delegate to Jurisdictional Conference, then I will gladly and prayerfully do so.

I want to see our denomination flourish in sharing the good news in grace-filled Wesleyan ways to all people. Having spent the last eight years on the Conference Council on Finance and Administration, I have a deeper understanding of some of the challenges ahead and feel like this experience will help me better serve as a delegate.

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

I feel that one of our most critical challenges in the next four years is being able to have the hard conversations about divisive topics with grace, respect, honesty, and care for those with whom we disagree.

Another challenge will be for this 240-year-old movement to remain adaptable and fruitful in our ever-changing landscape. This includes doing meaningful mission and ministry as we face the challenge of decreasing resources, especially finances, as a result of disaffiliation.

And finally, as our bishops and district superintendents are asked to serve larger and larger geographical areas, we will need to find new ways to foster healthy, meaningful relationships among our conference leaders and our local churches who may be asked to take on more responsibilities.

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 served in pastoral ministry for 15 years from part-time local pastor to ordained elder. I have served as a pastor at Piney Grove UMC, Pulaski Heights UMC, Whitehall UMC, Rector FUMC, and Cabot UMC. I am currently serving Cabot UMC helping them restart after losing 75% of their congregation due to disaffiliation. I served five years on the Northeast District Committee on Ordained Ministry. I have been a circuit elder. I have been the board chair for the Wesley Foundations at UAPB and ASU. For the last eight years, I have served on the Conference Council on Finance and Administration. I also serve on The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas scholarship committee and Camp Tanako board of directors.