



## 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:** Pinnacle View 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 a lifelong United Methodist, I seek to serve in as many settings as possible in which I can be of use. Local church choir, Board, United Women in Faith president; District Disaster Response; Conference United Women in Faith and Annual Conference Lay Equalization delegate and soon, Jurisdiction United Women in Faith. The things I learn at each new level better prepare me for the opportunities I find at every level.

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

1. Revitalizing congregations that were traumatized by the disaffiliation process. 2. Welcoming same-sex couples and gay pastors within the denomination without stigmatizing those churches that prefer not to perform same-sex weddings or employ a gay pastor. 3. Dealing with real-life budget constraints caused by disaffiliating churches.

### 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 was a leader in the public sector for 40 years before I retired. I volunteer with Conference Disaster Response, NOMADS, United Women in Faith, and our local food pantry. I enjoy writing and public speaking.