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Church: Myers Park UMC
District: Corridor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Local church:

I have partnered to lead cross racial work, which has created a community resource center run by our sister church. Birthed ministry with Latinx community within our church and continue to work to connect grow this ministry locally and beyond through the NCCUMC and WNCCUMC.

District:

Race reconciliation

Mentoring with other pastors

Immigration and Migrant ministries

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

I feel called to serve for Jurisdictional Conference. Serving cross conferences and having broad connections with the global church, I feel, I have the understanding and capabilities of the election and placement of bishops that will help the church to thrive and embrace the difficult times we face currently. It's my goal to see the church reclaim her identity in advancing the Kingdom for all persons and with all persons. We are a church that has a place for all God's beloved at the table and it's my heart to see this actualized.

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Church: First UMC Graham
District: Corridor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

- * Serve on planning team for Preaching Well
- * RIOM coach and PIP clergy coach
- * Support and Work with District C.A.R.E. Awareness Group in Corridor District (Christians Concerned about Racial Equity)
- * Currently member of COSROW for the NC Conference
- * Elected as alternate to 2016 Se Jurisdictional Conference
- * Elected as delegate to 2012 SE Jurisdictional Conference

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

Though I have never served as a delegate to GC, I have always followed closely the work of this body and our NC delegation. In some ways I feel reluctant to formerly say I would like to serve, but if elected I would take that responsibility seriously and prayerfully as I do believe we are at a denominational crossroads. I am also simultaneously convinced that the United Methodist Church has not simply run its course. There is more God has called us to do and be in these challenging times and I am committed to helping our larger church body hear, discern, and live into that calling.

Donna Banks (37)

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District: Corridor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

- * Served as Conference Youth President for the Alabama-W. Florida Conference
- * Vice Chair for the National Youth Ministry Organization
- * Apart of the team to give the first Lay Address to General Conference
- * Associate Pastor, Christ UMC (Chapel Hill, NC)
- * Pastor, Evergreen UMC (Chapel Hill, NC)
- * Director of Student Life, Duke Divinity School
- * District Superintendent, Corridor District
- * Lead Pastor, St. Francis UMC (Cary, NC)
- * Pastor, McMannen UMC (Durham, NC)
- * Boards and Committees: ZOE, Duke Wesley, NCCU Wesley, Facing the Future 2020

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

I am passionate about my faith in God, the people called Methodist, and the call of the Church in the world. I have served the in various roles within the United Methodist Church as a youth, laity, and now as an Elder and believe my gifts and graces could be put to use as a delegate to General Conference. Our most recent delegation served faithfully the 2016 General Conference and the Called General Conference in February. I would like to be a part of a new delegation that brings a fresh set of eyes and experiences to bear in charting the future of our denomination.

David Beam (49)

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Church: Pinehurst UMC
District: Fairway

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Local Church/District Activities

Lead Pastor—Pinehurst UMC (2012-present)

Ass. Pastor—FUMC, Rocky Mount (2009-2012)

Annual Conference Activities

- Board of Ordained Ministry (Team Leader)
- Board of Ordained Ministry Executive Committee
- Conference Connectional Table (At Large Member 2012-2016)
- Royce and Jane Reynolds Leader's Fellow (Class of 2018)
- Christian Formation Committee(2012-2016)
- Annual Conference Worship Committee (2012-2016)
- NC Preaching Festival Advisory Team (2015-2016)
- Academy for Leadership Excellence Fellow (Class of 2016)
- Young Clergy Focus Group (2009-2012)

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

Despite our recent struggles, I still believe the greatest strength of the United Methodist church is our diversity—12 million members, 12 million opinions, all worshipping in one place. As a denomination we disagree on much, yet we do agree on Jesus. As a theological and ideological centrist, one of my great passions is working with people from every background in the church's shared mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ. General Conference provides a unique opportunity to bring together the entire connection in this work. I would love the privilege to share in this effort.

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Church: St. Paul's--Carolina Beach
District: Harbor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

As pastor at St. Paul's, I have led my congregation to form partnerships with local schools beginning in 2012, and I personally work as a reading coach in a kindergarten class.

Since 2014, I have served as volunteer chaplain with CBPD.

In order to reach out to the unchurched, I formed Cape Fear Beer & Hymns, and St. Paul's began Church on the Boardwalk as a summer worship opportunity.

Harbor District: I have served on the District Committee on Ordained Ministry, as well as a candidacy mentor.

NCCUMC: I have served 7 years on the Commission on Christian Unity & Interreligious Relationships.

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

I deeply love the UMC, and I believe that we can carry the best parts of who we are and have been into a future to which God is calling us. The practice of "Call & Response" might best describe what I believe is necessary right now: to hear the call of God and respond in faith; as well as to truly hear, and charitably interpret, our sisters and brothers, and to fashion the most faithful responses for our denomination and local churches, organizing ideas into action. I look for areas of agreement and seek to find common ground among differing views in order to move forward to accomplish goals.

Chris Brady (77)

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Church: Wilson Temple UMC
District: Capital

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Capitol District Committee of Ordained Ministry (DCOM-CL); Capitol District Racial Task Force. Conference Cultural Competency Task Force; Certified Conflict Transformation Team Member; Certified Conference IDI Cultural Competency facilitator; Board of Managers NC/WNC Convocation and Pastor's School; Board Member Methodist Home for Children; Member of the Conference Connectional Table Chair, The Christian Formation Team CCT; Chair Conference Committee on Investigations; Study Leader UMW School of Missions.

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

We must wrestle with changes in ways that honor our Wesleyan heritage. I am one who listens, reflects, and responds passionately with Christian charity, and advocate for that as foundational for ongoing dialogue and debate on all matters we face. I value the worth and dignity of all of God's created beings. I believe that we must use holy imagination to reduce fear; create new mission opportunities; and re-commit to making disciples of Jesus Christ. I commit to carry the voices of all within the bounds of our conference in voting on pressing matters that us now and for the future.

Robert Brewer (81)

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Church: Chaplain and Asst. Prof. of Religion at
Greensboro College
District: Capital

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

I serve in extension ministry as the chaplain and assistant professor of religion at Greensboro College. I also serve at College Place UMC where I assist in teaching Bible Study, work with college students, and help with the outreach and missional efforts of the church. I also work with the new United Methodist faith community in Greensboro.

I lead a small cohort of United Methodist Ministers from the W. North Carolina Conference to renew their passion and love of preaching.

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

I would like to serve as a delegate because I would love to see the United Methodist Church continue to thrive into the future and be a church where young people desire to make it their home. I work closely with young adults and serve with a new faith community in reaching new people and more diverse people for Jesus Christ. I bring a unique perspective as a chaplain, theologian, and leader in my community.

Terry Leigh Buckner (100)

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Church: Closer Walk Church
District: Harbor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

21 years in ministry, 11 years as Senior Pastor of Closer Walk Church, run a countywide food bank, served four years as a Chrysalis clergy community director, actively served in the Emmaus Community, served as Brunswick County chaplain of Sheriff's department, and started the first celebrate recovery program in New Hanover County. Church planter of Closer Walk UMC.

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

As pastor of Closer Walk Church, I serve a faith community with an embedded group home of men struggling with life controlling issues, I have really learned about grace and truth. I would bring to the table a heart for the hurting and a love of the power of scripture.

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Church: Apex UMC Family
District: Fairway

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Executive Committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry (2013 - Present)

Board of Ordained Ministry (2012 - Present)

Lead Pastor for Apex UMC Family (Apex UMC, Fiesta Cristiana, The Peak, 519)

Minister in residence, Camp Don Lee (2018, 2019)

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

I have a passion for the local church and I believe we can do more good as a connected body for the kingdom of God linked together than we can apart. I have witnessed the ways our connection has helped to share the love of Jesus, brought new people to a deep and abiding faith, cared for those displaced by storms, brokenness, and sin, and created space for young people to be raised up as followers of Jesus. I would like to see that continue to happen, and would be willing to help shape or support those efforts.

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District: Corridor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Conference: Board of Ordained Ministry

Denomination: Committee on Faith and Order; United Methodist-Roman Catholic Dialogue
Commission

Global: Director of Central American Methodist Course of Study; World Methodist-Roman
Catholic Dialogue Commission

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

As an Elder, I am ready to serve in whatever way my fellow clergy discern would best help our church. Our church finds itself at a crossroads. I do not have solutions. If elected, what I would contribute to the church's spiritual conferencing is my service in theological education, my work in ecumenism, my passion for reconciliation, my love for the church, and my commitment to the good news of Jesus Christ.

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District: Corridor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Endorsed by NC Conference Asian Ministry Team

Asian Ministry Team of the North Carolina Conference

Board Member, NC UM Camp & Retreat Ministries

President, National Association of Filipino American United Methodists (NAFAUM)

Board Member, National Federation of Asian American United Methodists (NFAAUM) & Asian American Language Ministry, GBGM

Delegate, Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, 2008 & 2012

Page/Staff, General Conference, 2000-2019

Delegate, World Methodist Council & Conference, 2011-2021

Delegate/Steward, World Council of Churches Assembly, 1991-2013

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

In such a time as this, where our global church is in the midst of discerning its future and wondering how it would remain faithful to the task of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, I am convinced that my gifts and graces as well as my ministry experiences over the past 33 years from the Philippines, to US and globally, in a variety of leadership roles (National UMYFP, church planter, local pastor, President of the NAFAUM & Member of World Methodist Council) have equipped me to take on the responsibility of being a delegate to the 2020 General Conference.

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Church: Camp Ground
District: Gateway

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Currently I am serving on the Equitable Compensation Commission. I have served on the Connectional Table as lead for the Stewardship Circle. I have served on the New Faith Communities Lead Team and as Chair of that team. I have also worked with the District Committee on Ordained Ministry in the Durham District and the Heritage District. I have taught polity for Lay Speakers 4 times as well lead workshops for the Corridor District. I have been trained as a Congregational Coach and worked with various congregations around the conference.

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

I believe this is a time for persons committed to the connection and maintaining our connection. I believe in unity for the cause of Christ. It is possible for people of good faith to disagree and yet remain connected. I would like to be a part of finding a way for us to be connected in mission and ministry rather than seeking uniformity of opinion on matters of sexuality.

Steve Hickle (302)

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Church: Retired
District: Capital

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Open Table United Methodist, trumpet and liturgy; President of WesleyMen, World Methodist Council (steering committee member); Fairmont Gospel Revue; conference Mission Team; Global Hunger Ambassador, Rise Against Hunger; previously chair of Comm on Archives & History, Bd of Church & Society; served 4 other conference agencies; past president and board member (19 years) NC Council of Churches.

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

A part of this annual conference since 1975, I have continually sought ways for us to advance our shared mission. Since 2013, work with the World Methodist Council has given me a worldwide frame to understand the Wesleyan movement. The vision and wisdom of John Wesley provide essential ways to work together in profoundly divisive times. My heart for prophetic justice and righteousness has compelled me in retirement to give witness in the public square. I was born a Methodist, and will be when I die . At this historic moment, I wait with you on the movement of God's Spirit into God's future.

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Church: Sharon UMC
District: Harbor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Appointments: Sharon 2002-current; Kipling 1997-2002; Mt. Tirzah 1992-1997 (1992-95 Student Pastor, 1995-97 full time); Long Memorial 1990-1992 (Program Associate) – Current
Committees: NC Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, Harbor District Committee on Ordained Ministry; Previous Conference/District Committees: Evangelism, Higher Education, Camping & Retreat Ministries (Board and Executive Committee), Youth Coordinator Durham & Fayetteville Districts; District Sabbath Chaplain; Other Involvement: Wesleyan Covenant, Emmaus, Volunteer Chaplain Holden Beach Police & BC Sheriff's Office.

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

I love the United Methodist Church. I am a product of Atlantic UMC & was nurtured through the ministries of the sub-district, district and conference youth events. As a pastor, I always try to give my utmost for His Highest. I was a member of the first-ever graduating class of the Academy for Leadership Excellence, as well as the recipient of the Harry Denman Evangelism Award. Since coming to Sharon, I have been blessed to help grow the church from a membership of 272 and an AWA of 107 in 2001 to a current membership of 701 and an AWA of 280. I believe in prayer, God's word & God's love

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Church: Wesley Memorial
District: Harbor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Local Church – I have served as pastor in a variety of settings from a small rural congregation to a mid-sized town church as well as Senior Pastor of a large membership congregation.

District – I am serving as Chair of the Harbor District Committee on Ordained Ministry, a member of the District Committee on Superintendency, and a member of the District Mission Strategy Team.

Conference – I am serving on the Connectional Table. I have previously served on the Board of Ordained Ministry & Episcopacy Committees as well as a Delegate to General & Jurisdictional Conferences.

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

Election as a delegate would allow me to partner with other servants of the church to discover, dream, and live into the destiny of God's design/desire for our denomination. My wide range of past experience as pastor, superintendent, and delegate has prepared me to serve with eyes wide open and with a heart eager to lean into a future with hope. I know that service as an effective delegate will require intentional prayer, diligent reading, careful study, team work, and wise discernment, all of which I am willing to offer.

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Church: Trinity UMC
District: Sound

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

I have served on the Goldsboro District Education Team, NC Conference Historical Society and NC Commission on Archives and History. In 2016, I was elected as the President of the NC Conference Historical Society and have continued to serve in that capacity.

I have participated on numerous mission work teams both in and out of the country following hurricanes and for general construction. I have participated in C4C at Trent Park Elementary School, soup kitchens in New Bern and Goldsboro, and Voyages Day Camp (partnership with Camp Don Lee and Trinity Chapel AME Zion).

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

I would like to serve as a Delegate to General and/or Jurisdictional Conference to bring a Traditional perspective to the delegation. I have served as a member of the NC Conference Historical Society and NC Commission on Archives and History that I think would be valuable as a Delegate to General and/or Jurisdictional Conference.

In my 19 years of pastoral ministry, I have served both rural and urban congregations. I have worked well with people of varying theological perspectives as we serve our Lord together.

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District: Gateway

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Kentucky Annual Conference
Evangelism Committee
Chairperson of Native American Ministries Committee

North Carolina Annual Conference
Chairperson of Board of Directors Robeson County Church and Community Center
Chairperson of Native American Ministries Committee
Conference Commission on Evangelism
Conference Missions Committee
Congregational Development Committee
Conference Connectional Table
Episcopacy Committee
Conference Nominations Committee
Board Of Ordained Ministry

National Boards and Agencies
Board of Directors for General Commission on Religion and Race

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

Since becoming a Local Pastor in the North Carolina Annual Conference in 1994 I have committed myself to a life of service. Being a Servant of Christ is very important to me. When accepting the Appointment here at First Church Laurinburg, I made a commitment to both the Bishop and Cabinet and this congregation that I would lead and serve faithfully. The leaders of this congregation has made it known to me that they would like for their voices to be heard at General and Jurisdictional Conference and have challenged me to seek election. It is with humility that I submit my name for selection.

Rev. Dr. Jerry A. Jackson (343)

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Church: Fayetteville: Trinity United Methodist
District: Gateway

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Disaster Response Committee - 1989 - 1999 - Chair - 1996 - 1999

Early Response Team Leader

Conference Commission on Evangelism - 2008 -2016 - Chair 2012 - 2016

National Association of United Methodist Evangelist - 2006 - 2018

First Full Time Camp Director at Camp Rockfish 1972-1975

Conference Commission on Camping 1970 - 1976

Biblical Pastor in the North Carolina Conference since 1970

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

I am a Biblical preacher and caring pastor of 48 years, who faithfully supports and upholds the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church. As a delegate to General Conference and/or Jurisdictional Conference, I am a strong supporter of the Traditional Plan with a great emphasis to see that it is upheld and enforced within the North Carolina Conference. As a delegate, it is my emphasis to see that our clergy and congregations are in keeping with the Word of God so that no one misses the the Kingdom of God and the saving grace that Jesus Christ offers to all who believes in him.

Jonathan Jeffries (347)

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Church: Horne Memorial United Methodist Church
District: Capital

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Local Church -

Lead Pastor

Associate Pastor

Lead Alpha Course

Teach Bible Studies,

Guide capital campaigns for building projects and debt relief

Equip and Train laity in discipleship and leadership

Emphasize missions including after school programs, international and domestic work teams, food bank ministries, and Habitat

District -

President of Raleigh Board of Raleigh Board of Missions

Durham District Board of Ordained Ministry

Gateway District Planning Team

Have led district workshop break out sessions

Annual Conference

Served on Conference Missions and Evangelism Teams

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

My life and call has been shaped by the United Methodist Church. In America our denominational numbers are dwindling and we are in need of revival. We need to rise above our disunity and be united in our mission to make and be Jesus' disciples in our world. We need to grow in our relationship with God and build up God's Kingdom by reaching the lost (those who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ) and the least (all who need to experience the love of God in spite of their circumstances). I want to work with other leaders in our denomination to further these aims.

Belton Joyner (369)

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Church: Retired
District: Corridor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Delegate to General Conference, 1980-1984-1988-1982-1996-2000-2004-2008; Member of Judicial Council, 2008-2016; Board of United Methodist Publishing House 1996-2004; Board of Directors of North Carolina United Methodist Camp and Retreat Ministries ; Chaplain, Fellowship Dartball League

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

A reason for my election is the same as a reason for my not being elected: I have attended ten General Conferences, eight as a delegate and two as a member of the Judicial Council. That experience might be helpful, or it might be better to have fresh eyes and fresh voices. I remain energized for finding ways to life together.

Sangwoo Kim (376)

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District: Corridor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Journeying Toward Justice; young adult ministry (Epworth UMC)

Dismantling Racism Group; Mission Strategy Team (Corridor District)

Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women; Events Team of the Center for Leadership Excellence (North Carolina Annual Conference)

Instructor of Theology (Course of Study; Licensing School of the North Carolina Annual Conference; Lay Servant Ministries Courses at Corridor District; Pastor's Convocation of the Virginia Annual Conference; Visiting Assistant Professor of Methodist Studies at Duke Divinity School)

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

As a pastor who has served in multicultural/cross-cultural settings and has extensive experience in raising the next generation of Christian leaders, I want to transform the UMC into a diverse community of Christians united in Christ. As a scholar of Methodist history, theology, and practice (Th.D. Duke), I want to revitalize the church in the Wesleyan principles of "catholic spirit," spiritual renewal, and social justice. I will serve the people of God with a prayerful heart and a passion for justice and reconciliation. I will elect visionary leaders who humbly follow the lead of the Spirit.

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Church: Goldston UMC
District: Fairway

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

I am an Elder in Full Connection in my fourteenth year of ministry. I am currently serving as the pastor of Goldston UMC in the Fairway District. At the 2019 Annual Conference I will be appointed to serve as the lead pastor of Faith Harbor UMC in the Harbor District. I have served on the District Committee of Ordained Ministry in the Fairway District. At the Conference level I have served as a mentor to candidates for ministry. In the local church I enjoy teaching and leading persons to grow in faith and discipleship. I also enjoy developing relationships in the broader community.

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

I believe my years of ministry and experience have prepared me well to serve as a delegate to the 2020 General and/or Jurisdictional Conference(s). If elected to serve, I will strive to represent our Conference as befitting a follower of Jesus Christ, with truth and grace.

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Church: Wrightsville United Methodist
District: Harbor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Senior Pastor at Wrightsville United Methodist Church.

Have served six other appointments including small, medium, and large membership churches in both rural and suburban settings throughout our conference.

Member of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry and the BOM's Executive Committee.

Have served on many various district committees.

Recently honored to represent the NC Conference in Africa at the Sierra Leone Partner's Conference which celebrated our work with the Methodist Hospital in Rotifunk.

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

As a lifelong United Methodist I stand firmly with John Wesley and his belief in "grace for all; grace in all." As a delegate to General or Jurisdictional Conference I would work to make sure that the United Methodist Church continues to stress that God's grace is truly for everyone and in everyone.

Woo-Il Lee (399)

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District: Capital

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

- 1) Managing Attorney at Pro Bono Legal Clinic at Agape Korean UMC
- 2) Committee Member of Asian Ministry Committee of NCCUMC
- 3) Board Member of United Methodist Retirement Homes

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

I would like to serve the General Church by serving local churches and listening to their hopes and hurdles so the local churches can be effective mission posts where the disciples of Jesus Christ can be produced to transform the world as God imagines.

As a pastor at the only Korean UMC in the North Carolina Conference, I also would like to represent the diverse voices from the ethnic and cultural minorities so their voices can be heard and considered with fairness and equity to strengthen the general church by vitalizing the local churches.

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Church: Gateway District Superintendent
District: Gateway

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Conference Board of Trustee,
Conference Board of Ordained Ministry
Robeson County Church and Community Center Board Member
Partners In Ministries Board Member

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

I have had the privilege of attending four General Conferences as an observer representing several general church boards and agencies , but never as a voting delegate. I would like to put my name forward as a delegate to 2020 General Conference, which would afford me an opportunity to vote (to make a impacting difference) and to also represent a under represented group-the Native American community. I have observed the workings of General Conference from the outside, I want to work on the inside with voice and vote. I have served the church for 38 years, it would be an honor to serve.

Herbert Lowry (421)

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Church: Chestnut St. UMC
District: Gateway

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

I serve as pastor of Chestnut Street UMC in Lumberton. I have served as a delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference and as an alternate to the 2019 special called General Conference. I have served within the Western North Carolina and North Carolina Annual Conferences. I am a transformational leader and have served in several appointments across several districts and on a number of District and Conference boards, committees and task forces. Most recently I have served as the Chairperson of our Conference Stewardship team and as a member of the District committee on Superintendence.

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

I quite literally owe my life to the United Methodist Church. The UMC has been my spiritual womb and afforded me and my family great opportunities. Two of which are Education and a place to fulfill and to live out God's call. The reader is aware of the uniqueness of the upcoming General Conference. I feel I bring passion, gratitude, knowledge, years of service and clear headed commitment by the leading of the Holy Spirit. I humbly ask for your vote. #416

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Church: WOW Campus Ministry/Wesley
Memorial Associate
District: Harbor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Chair of the Conference Communications Committee

Secretary of the Resolutions Committee

District Youth Coordinator for Fayetteville, Gateway, and Harbor Districts

Co-Chair of The Academy for Christian Witness

Co-Developer of Clarity--The Academy for Christian Witness for Youth

North Carolina Conference Commission for Evangelism

Fellow of Reynolds Program for Leadership in Campus
Ministry

Member of Order of the Flame in the World Methodist Council

First Parish Project through the Hinton Rural Life Center

Preacher, covenant group, and workshop leader for NCC Youth Events

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

I am a minister of the in-between. I minister with those who are young and those who are more experienced. I worship modern and traditional. As someone who stands in the gap between generations as a campus minister and pastor focused on youth and college students, I would be a delegate who can hear and understand people with different perspectives. I have served in cities and small towns and can keep needs of different size churches in mind as I prayerfully discern God's will while making decisions on behalf of the Annual Conference.

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Church: The Peak Church (Apex UMC Family)
District: Fairway

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Fairway District Missions Secretary (2018 to Present)

Board of Missions (2018 to Present)

NC Conference Missions Committee (2018 to Present)

Teaching at Licensed Local Pastor School (2018 and 2019)

NC Young Clergy Representative to mLAB Conference (SE Jurisdiction)

NC Young Clergy Representative to Young Clergy Forum (General Board of Church and Society)

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

As a Young Clergy, I want to work for a future church that holds to the core essentials of our faith, but is not afraid to make space for diverse thought and opinion. A church that understands the strength of possessing different theological persuasions and as a result, show one another a side of God we wouldn't have otherwise seen. I believe the future of the UMC must be one that allows for each of us to minister to our own context, while also refusing to give up on remaining whole. Not only is this the church we have always been, but it is the one that the world desperately needs right now.

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Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Preaching Festival Planning Team; Preaching WELL Planning Team & Facilitator; Center for Leadership Excellence Events Team; Crossroads Retreat Coordination Team; Conference Faith Formation Team; Conference Children's Ministry Team (2016-18); Bishop's Children & Worship Task Force; Chair, Conference Worship Team, 2016-17; Instructor, Licensing School; Coordinator, Spiritual Directors Network of Eastern NC

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

I want to work toward a renewed church that will foster stronger local connections for the sake of the whole, while also allowing for greater flexibility in adapting our Wesleyan practices to local contexts. I hope for a church where we can each see the gift in the other, not in spite of but because of how different we each are, a reflection of Trinity's abundant creation. I want to work toward structures that allow for a more flexible global church not bound only by financial ties and paternalistic imaginations, but instead by shared missional commitments, common worship, and practices.

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District: Corridor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Charge Conference membership at Calvary UMC Durham NC

Attending Centenary UMC, New Bern NC ,Vacation Bible School co-teacher

Served as Chaplain and Chaplain Manager at Duke Hospital until retirement January 2014

Organized a Sound District Reconciling United Methodists group in 2018 to work for justice and full inclusion for LGBTQI+ persons in the UMC

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

I continue to hope and pray and work for a change of heart in the UMC that would allow traditionalists and moderate/progressive UM Christians to continue in community together so that we might support the vital ministries of our church while stopping the harm to our LGBTQI+ members and those that love them. As an ordained lesbian elder who has worked to create community and justice for LGBTQI+ persons for more than 30 years and who loves the United Methodist Church I would like the chance to represent our conference. I believe that LGBTQI+ voices should be included. Thank you.

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Church: Concord, Roxboro
District: Corridor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Board member for the Roxboro Christian Help Center, Member of the Woodland Elementary School Advisory Council, Guardian Ad litem, Stephen Ministry Leader, Community Spiritual Director for the Heart of Carolina Emmaus Community, Recipient of the Harry Denman Evangelism Award for 2016, Serve on the Corridor District Committee on Ordained Ministry, and have served on the Monitoring and Accountability Conference Committee.

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

My love for the United Methodist Church is both deep and wide and I feel a deep calling to serve her with all my heart. I would count it a tremendous privilege to represent our conference as a delegate for either the General or Jurisdictional Conference. Unity within the United Methodist Church has become tremendously challenged in the past years and especially since the Called General Conference earlier this year. I have a deep yearning to be an instrument of peace and reconciliation for all those who serve in the Wesleyan Tradition and would work diligently to that end.

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Morehead
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Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Senior Pastor, First UMC Morehead City since 2014; President, Ekklesia (HUD senior housing); President, Crystal Coast Nonprofit Network; Trustee, NC Wesleyan College; Past: Pastor @ Highland UMC, Resurrection UMC, Garber UMC, Apex UMC; Board of Ordained Ministry, New Faith Communities Team, District Superintendent (Wilmington District); Alternate Delegate to SEJ Jurisdictional Conference

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

My life has been committed to proclaiming salvation through Jesus Christ, equipping disciples, leading in missions, growing congregations. I believe in the mission of the UMC and our unique theological and ecclesiastical heritage. I believe we are poised for God to do something amazing with us as a global movement for Jesus Christ. I believe we need delegates who are committed to the order of the Church, the evangelical mission of the Church, and the orthodox foundations of the Church. If elected, I would faithfully serve deeply rooted in prayer and in the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Member, NCCUMC Board of Institutions.

Member, NCCUMC Episcopacy Committee.

Mentor, Candidacy Mentoring Group.

Former Member, NCCUMC Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry.

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

Over recent months, the encouragement & affirmation from my fellow clergy colleagues led me to answer this call to serve as a delegate. I deeply love our United Methodist connection; it is the vessel of God's grace that welcomed me back to church, surrounded me with a loving community of faith, & empowered me to follow God's call. I have great hope for the future of our beloved church & I believe Holy Conferencing can truly strengthen what is at the heart of our connection: a deep conviction that God is able to accomplish more within us & through us when we serve Jesus Christ together.

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Church: Oak Grove United Methodist Church
District: Corridor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Senior Pastor of Oak Grove UMC, I will serve on the DCOM, Serving as an Advisor of the Hispanic Latino committee, Chair of the Leadership team of the CCT.

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

I believe it is important that the United Methodist Church maintains and protect the Priesthood that GOD has entrusted to The UMC (Us). We are living times of tension and division. The Book of Acts shows that God multiplies (Add-Acts 2, 4, 6+) or Subtract (Acts 5) but He never divided. The division is the work off the evil.

We must seek the Biblical way to resolve our differences, and not "a preference". Jesus prayed for us in John 17 to become ONE as He is ONE with the Father. So our call is to reflect this UNITY in Christ Jesus.

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District: Harbor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

-Board of Ordained Ministry currently since 2012, -Delegate for 2012, 2016 and 2019 General Conference -New Faith Communities team, present member -Jurisdictional Conference Delegate for 2008, 2012, and 2016. -Previously served as Chair of NC Conf. Commission on Evangelism and as dean of Academy of Christian Witness. -Pastored a rural 3 point charge (Bladen Charge) for 15 years. -Developed Fan the Flame Revitalization Program while there. - Currently in year 7 as Lead Pastor of Pine Valley UMC in Wilmington. -Currently Serve on Harbor District Committee on Ordained Ministry.

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

I desire to see the United Methodist Church become the church that it can be through the power of the Holy Spirit. I want to see a turn around from the decline in the U.S. church, so that we may become a thriving and growing movement again. I have served as pastor in rural and urban areas and have seen God move in many ways. As a delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conference, I simply want to do my part to help our United Methodist Church be a faithful witness and fulfill the mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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District: Capital

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

NC Conference Board of Ordained Ministry 2008 - present, NC Conference Camp and Retreat Ministries Board Member 2005-present, Raleigh Wesley Foundation Board Member 2015 - present.

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

I would like to serve as a delegate to be a voice for the future of the church I have served and would love to serve. I am willing to do the difficult, painful, and at the same time beautiful work of listening and discerning what is possible for our church together. I have great hope for what is possible with God in our midst and would be honored to be a part of that great work.

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District: Harbor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Staff for NC Conference Youth Events annually

Resource Staff/Preacher for NC ACS 2016

Sponsored by Bishop Ward for the UMEIT program

As Director of Social Justice at Foundry UMC I lead & participate in: Washington Interfaith Network, Sanctuary DMV, Board Member ('18-'19) English as a Second Language & Immigrant Ministries, Way Home Campaign DC for ending homelessness. I direct: Foundry's LGBTQ+ Inclusion Ministry, organize days of service, ESL program, cooking programs, Imago Dei ID program, racial justice ministry, & Sacred Resistance advocacy (homelessness, immigration, Eco Justice)

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

Our denomination and local churches must be positioned to lead people to Christ, care for all people at every stage of life, affirm all people in their walk and ministries (ordained and lay), and be a God centered justice seeking example of Christian community. We can't do that if we keep discrimination as our policy or squandering resources rather than walking in inclusive community. As a young clergy I will be in ministry for at least another 30 years. The decisions we make now affect my generation's (& those after) ability to be effective in our ministry. Our voices must be at the table.

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Church: Duke Divinity School/Extension
Ministry
District: Corridor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Appointments:

- Unidos por Cristo (2004-2010)
- Brookland-Brooksdale (now New Brook UMC) (2010-2011)
- Duke Divinity School (2011-)

Local:

- City Well UMC, SCRT (Staff-Church Relations Team) (2018-)

District:

- Dismantling Racism Team of the Corridor District (2016-)

Annual Conference:

- Board of Ordained Ministry (2016-)
- Member at large in the H/L Committee (2016-)
- Reserve SE Jurisdictional Conference (2016)

General Church:

- Board of Directors General Board of Global Ministries (2012-)
- Executive Committee of the National Plan for H/L Ministry
- University Senate (2012-2016)

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

In 2016, I had the opportunity to attend General Conference as an observer representing the executive committee of the National Plan for H/L Ministry. One of the things I witnessed then, is the need for more voices that historically have been absent in the General Conference, voices that represent the current and future demographics where our local churches have a presence. Therefore, one of the main reasons I want to serve in this capacity is to actively participate in shaping a future for our denomination that prioritizes all people, seeks the unity of our denomination, and promotes equity.

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Church: Scotland Neck/Rich Square Charge
District: Heritage

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Answered God's call to ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church in 2001. While serving full and part time appointments around the Elizabeth City Area graduated from Elizabeth City State University in 2008.

TRC Fellow Alumni, Duke MDIV 2012.

Elder in 2018 after 17 years of serving as a local pastor and going to school.

Heritage District Emergency Response Coordinator.

Dedicated to strengthening rural communities in North Carolina.

Scotland Neck/Rich Square Charge with wife Kimberlee, three sons Jacob (living in Texas), Gabriel, and Samuel, and daughter Sarah.

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

I am a lifetime United Methodist. 17 years serving Rural Churches and Communities in North Carolina. I feel I am qualified and ready to represent Rural United Methodist's in the Upcoming 2020 General Conference.

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Church: Whiteville United Methodist Church
District: Beacon

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

LOCAL CHURCH: offering Word and Sacrament ministry in the Whiteville United Methodist Church and beyond, participating in the Whiteville Ministerial Association, helping host disaster-response activities at the Whiteville Church.

DISTRICT: hosting a Covenant Group of area pastors that meets every two weeks, participating in the Committee on the Superintendency, serving on the District Committee on Ministry.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE: serving on the Communications Committee, co-chairing the Unity Dialogue on the Church/homosexuality, participating in Conflict Transformation Ministry.

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

Ordained to be a servant-leader elder in The United Methodist Church, I have promised to help defend and transmit the faith of the Church universal, as it is contained in our denomination's stated doctrine and discipline. That includes, but is not limited to, defending our denomination's current teaching on human sexuality, and the practices of marriage and ordination that accompany it. I would support this teaching (and all matters related to it), as winsomely as possible, at General Conference and/or Jurisdiction Conference. I would never vote to reject or compromise it.

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Church: Soapstone
District: Capital

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Served appointments in rural, remote, suburban, and urban locations in two annual conferences (North Carolina and North Georgia). These appointments included a tobacco farming community and a coastal community.

Currently serve as Lead Pastor of Soapstone UMC in Raleigh. Soapstone has a djembe drum in the praise band, an Artist-in-Residence on staff, and is currently making a 6,500 square foot space for youth and community engagement.

Serve as the Chair of the Order of Elders, on the Board of Ordained Ministry, and on the Committee on Superintendency for the Capital District.

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

I love words. I love the power of words to transform a situation. I love that my life's work is formed by The Word – incarnate, real, beautiful, and challenging.

Our United Methodist heritage has equipped us with a rich, grace-filled set of words. It is a unique vocabulary that is capable of handling the hard work ahead. As a delegate, I believe I could help us craft the words necessary for this work. I would use our shared Methodist language to celebrate our successes, name our failures, and work toward a faithful future.

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District: Fairway

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Associate Director, Ofc of Ministerial Relations & Vocational Discernment Coordinator for AC; Ordained Deacon; Dean of Licensing School; Trainer, BOM & DCOMs; Lead coordinator of Taste & See Ministry Internship program; Conference Staff Coordinator, Residency in Ordained Ministry (RIOM) program; SouthEastern Jurisdiction BOM Staff Network; NCC Candidacy Liaison to Duke Divinity School; Local Pastor Mentor training across districts; Coordinator, Clergy Days Apart; Member, Fairway District Mission Strategy Team; Apex UMC Liturgist & baptism coordinator

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

The North Carolina Conference of the UMC excels in its programs and systems that identify, empower, and guide young people into roles that allow them to respond to the call of God on their lives. Through my experiences, relationships, and gifts, I have much to offer in conversations with Conference representatives around our nation and across the world. We will work to bring our mentoring, training, and program platforms in line with the needs of our world, equipping the called to serve and empowered by the Spirit to proclaim the Gospel in truth and love.

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District: Sound

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

District Mission Strategy Team

District Board of Ordained Ministry

Equitable Compensation Committee

Jurisdictional Conference alternate

Rural Church Leaders

Thriving Rural Church Pastor

I have worked with Emerging Issues Institute at NC State and participated in Theology Medicine and Culture Consortium at Duke.

8 years on the Board of Missions and the conference Missions Committee and 4 years on the Refugee and Immigration Committee at the conference level.

I have served as a mentor for candidates for ministry and have led a RIOM group. I have mentored Duke Field Education students

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

I would like to serve as a delegate because I have a deep love for the United Methodist Church and a heart for the rural church. I have been blessed to serve in the Durham, Rockingham, New Bern and Sound District. I want to serve as a delegate to represent our Annual Conference and rural as well as multi-cultural churches. I want to serve as a delegate so that I can be on site to pray for the conference and be a voice for the small rural church.

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District: Capital

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Currently:

Pastor

Capital District Committee on Ministry

Conference Board of Church and Society

Organizing Committee for Crossroads Retreats

Conflict Transformation Minister

Previously:

Heritage Assistant to the District Superintendent

Heritage District Committee on Ministry

Heritage District Dismantling Racism Team

Residence in Ordained Ministry (RIOM) Leader

Conference Committee on Multicultural Ministries

NC Preaching Festival Organizing Team

Task Force on Hispanic and Latino Ministries

Capital District Strategy Team

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

It is a threshold moment for the UMC as we seek to move into the future, confessing our poor witness to love and unity, and the harm this has caused so many. This harm, however, is not the whole story, and it certainly is not the end of the story. Nothing is lost on God who brings life out of death, hope out of pain. I can think of no greater honor than to serve the church as a delegate as we seek to faithfully step into the future, embracing all God's children and growing more fully into the beautiful body of Christ.

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Church: Duck
District: Beacon

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Serving ethnic minority, diverse and non-diverse local churches in 40 years under Episcopal Appointment. Serving churches with membership ranging from 12 to 2000, and giving ranging from a few thousand dollars per year to over a million. Taught Bible at Methodist U. for 15 years. Served on the Conference Evangelism team, district boards of mission and ordained ministry, sometimes as chair. With a heart for mission and evangelism, I've led my current appointment to become one of the foremost financial supporters of the ZOE mission organization in the U.S. Attended CG2019 as observer.

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

I love the Lord Jesus and the UMC as a living expression of Christ's body. I have studied theology (M.Div. Duke and Ph. D. in Wesleyan Theology from Edinburgh, Scotland) and administration (MBA Duke). I have thought deeply and theologically about the issues confronting our denomination, and have several books published on Conversion, Christian Sexuality, and Church Leadership. These books are used by annual conferences to train new clergy, and endorsed by leaders like Bishop Ward, Tom Berlin, and David McAlister-Wilson. I will work for healing, unity and justice. Drjohntyson.com

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Church: NCCUMC Connectional Ministries
Staff
District: Gateway

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

My secondary appointment is at Haymount UMC, Fayetteville, where over the years I served on committees, taught classes, held office in UMW and was a regular lector, preached and participated in many mission projects. Currently I enjoy worshiping with the congregation when I am not preaching or visiting other churches.

I serve on the Gateway District Committee on Ordination and Committee on Dismantling Racism.

As the NCC Director of Outreach Ministries I am engaged in planning and facilitating a variety of ministries and I am the staff representative for several committees and teams.

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

I am a lifelong United Methodist and a Deacon in full connection. My call to mission and service leads me to seek a deeper engagement with the polity of the church. My ordination to compassion and justice is evident through my love for, and service with others. Guided by the Holy Spirit and formed by scripture, I continually seek to engage people, both inside and outside of our churches, to awaken to the new things God is doing within our Annual Conference and globally. I am familiar with mission and ministry all over eastern NC and the world, and can represent us well.

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District: Corridor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

General Conference

General Conference Delegate: 2012 (1st Reserve), 2019 (2nd Reserve)

Jurisdictional Conference

Jurisdictional Conference Delegate: 2012, 2016

SEJ Nominating Committee: 2016

Annual Conference

Conference Board of Ordained Ministry: 2012-present, Team Leader, Exec. Comm.

Executive Committee of Insurance, Pension, CF&A: 2016-present

Insurance Committee: 2016-present, Vice-Chair

Committee on Medical Leave: 2016-present, Chair

Board of Managers - Duke Pastors' School: 2012-2016

District

District Committee on Ordained Ministry: 2006-2012

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

I've had the privilege and responsibility of serving on the 2012, 2016, and 2019 delegations. I've learned a great deal from each experience. That said, the most recent experience in St. Louis was heart breaking. As one who was present, I have a keen sense of where we, collectively, mis-stepped. I believe, regardless of one's positions on human sexuality, we - The General Conference - did harm. I'm convinced God is not done with us and that with prayer, open hearts, creative imagination and the work of The Spirit, we can and will navigate our way forward in a way that may yet surprise us all!

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District: Beacon

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Camp Rockfish Staff

Conference Camping Commission Chairperson

New Faith Communities

Congregational Development Fund Board of Directors

Methodist University Board of Trustees

District Committee on Ordained Ministry

Thriving Rural Church Fellowship

Duke Divinity School Student Supervisor

SEJ 2016 Delegate

Hispanic Ministry Team

Rural Faith Development CDC Board of Directors

NC Conference Leadership Team

NC Conference Cabinet

Sandhills Emmaus Community Board of Directors

Pastor at Buie, Parkton, Zion, Rock, Solid Rock, Community, Mt. Ariel, Woodside, Spring Lake UMCs

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

A lifelong member of the United Methodist Church, Gil has a heart for the rural church. It is his belief that reclaiming the movement of Methodism will reconnect all our churches, regardless of size or location, to a calling that is still deep in our roots. He believes "We are living in an hour of unprecedented outpouring upon the church of Jesus Christ that we might fulfill our calling to be a witness to the nations." Gil brings a unique witness of ministry with the poor and marginalized to the conversation that is grounded in his work with a new church plant in Solid Rock.

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District: Heritage

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Pastor at Saint Paul United Methodist Church

Co-Chair of the Conference Worship Committee with Jay Locklear

Vice Chair of the Conference Resolutions Committee

RIOM (Residency in Ordained Ministry) small group leader

Co-host of Watercooler Christianity, a podcast of the NCCUMC

Candidacy Mentor

Why would you like to serve as a Delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference?

I am a lifelong Methodist, an ordained elder, a pastor's wife and a pastor's daughter. I have been in ministry for 12 years and I have a passion for the church, for Methodist polity, and for the Wesleyan history that we are born out of. I have served the NCCUMC as Worship Co-Chair, Resolutions Vice-Chair, RIOM leader and a candidacy mentor. I would work to hear the needs of our conference, and the concerns facing our church today. I have long felt a calling to attend General Conference, to represent the NCCUMC and the people I know and love. Thank you for your prayers and your consideration