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Church: First United Methodist Church Graham
District: Corridor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Emerging Adults (18-29yo) Lead Worker

United Methodist Woman

Current Corridor District Lay Leader

Conference Board of Laity

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

God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit guide all that I do—loving my neighbor as myself. My love for serving God intersects with everything I do from my work as a paralegal for children and youth, in service as the Corridor District Lay Leader and Life Coach for Clergy Spouses and Laity. I am married to a United Methodist Pastor Kevin Baker and work alongside the emerging young adults in my congregation in Graham. If elected, I will serve with compassion, love, openness and generosity as the Holy Spirit leads. Thank you for your trust—I value you and will serve with a gentle spirit.

Ellen Beasley (2)

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Church: Erwin UMC/St. Andrews UMC
District: Capital

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Youth Director at St. Andrews' UMC 2019
General Conference 2nd Alternate Delegate 2016, 2019
SEJ Delegate 2016
Pilgrimage Stage Manager 2017-Present, Volunteer 2013-2016
Conference Youth Ministry Event Staff (2015, 2017, 2018, 2019)
NCCUMC Episcopacy Committee 2016-2020
NCCUMC Missions Committee 2016-2020
Annual Conference Delegate 2009-2019
Raleigh Wesley Foundation
Young Adult Delegate to GYPC-LA, Philippines 2014

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

It has been my privilege to serve as a delegate to GC this past quadrennium. It was so meaningful to be involved in the process of church polity & decision making. As a young adult & due to my UMC work with diverse people across NC, I feel that I bring unique perspective from rural to urban & young to elder. I am willing to make myself informed on the issues & vote to implement the policies that will allow the UMC to continue it's work in make disciples of Jesus Christ. The UMC & NCC especially has supported & nurtured me throughout my life & I am eager to offer myself as a delegate again.

Michael Beasley (3)

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Church: Erwin
District: Capital

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Sunday School teacher, Lay Leader and Annual Conference Delegate for Erwin UMC many years. Discipline Bible Study, VBS and LOGOS teacher holding classes from Kindergarten through Adult. Certified Lay Minister and Stephen Ministry Leader serving as Awareness Coordinator and instructor for Stephen Ministers and their Continuing Education. Certified Lay Speaker traveling to churches in the Capital District working on Evangelism using the Faith Sharing New Testament with Psalms Bible to inspire congregations to witness and share their faith. Serve as Annual Conference Head Usher & CLM Cohort Guide

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

Welcoming, Worshiping & Witnessing are part of our local church mission statement and I strive to accomplish this for a God throughout my work as Lay Leader and Lay Speaker. Being a Certified Lay Minister has revealed much to me in my Christian journey and I feel called to continue God's work in the church with others from around the world. I am a Wesleyan Covenant Association delegate for North Carolina and treasure these Christian values and will use them to preserve our Book of Discipline and it's orthodoxy at General and Jurisdictional Conference.

Mary Brennan (4)

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Church: Green Street UMC
District: Sound

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Pastor Parish committee; communion steward; congregational care

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

I want to lead with love; I want to serve my church and my brothers and sisters in Christ.

Sharon Brignon (5)

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Church: Bethel UMC (Southern Alamance)
District: Corridor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Certified Lay Servant

Lay Leader at Bethel UMC (S.A.)

Lay Delegate to Annual Conference

Deaconess Candidate

Teaches Sunday School, Bible, and Book studies

Leads worship

Preaches in Pastor's absence

Sings in choir

Serves on Caring/hospitality, Children's ministry, Lay mentoring, Mission, Nominations, and
Worship teams

Serves with Space4Grace (Sabbath Team)

Chairs the Board of Southern Alamance Family Empowerment-Food Ministry

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

As a life-long, active participant and supporter of the United Methodist Church, Sharon Brignon continues to be committed to her denomination as a Deaconess Candidate. She has completed coursework most recently in UM Polity and Doctrine. Viewing the Special Session of General Conference in early 2019, elevated her interest in having a voice in the polity of her denomination.

Sharon has earned her Masters in Education and is certified in Teaching ESL.

She has a voice and wants to be heard.

Mia Brinkley (6)

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Church: Hopewell United Methodist Church
District: Capital

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Local Church-

Mission Service Trips to Lake Junaluska, Pennsylvania, and Appalachian. Assisted with Vacation Bible School. Operation Christmas Child and Operation Shoebox. Backpack Buddies. Pilgrimage. Nursing Home visits. Assisted with Bilingual Tutoring Ministry. Church Funding Projects. CROP hunger walk.

District-

Lay Delegate and Stop Hunger Now.

Annual Conference-

I attended Annual Conference for 6 years: as a delegate for 3 years, a teller for 2 years, and a runner for 1 year.

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

I am an 18-year-old student attending Meredith College. My father is a Duke Divinity graduate and a pastor at Hopewell UMC. I anticipate a future in the United Methodist Church where we are focused specifically on ministry and mission, to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Katie Browning Brinkley (7)

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Church: Wesley Memorial United Methodist
Church
District: Harbor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Local Church- Board of Trustees, Administrative Boards, Stephen Minister, Community Director for Coastal Carolina Emmaus, Kairos and Chrysalis Ministries, and Disciple Study Facilitator.

Committees: Finance, Mission Vision, Staff Parish, and Chaired Parsonage.

District- Nomination Committee and Past UMC Historian.

Annual Conference- Delegate for Annual Conference, Board of Pensions, Christian Unity Interreligious Relations, Restorative Justice And Mercy Ministries, Former BOM Prayer Ministry, Lay Speaker Trainor, Lay Witness, Former delegate at SEFC '12, and observed 2019 General Conference.

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

I am concerned about our Spiritual and Financial challenges: I Strive to do Good, to Do no Harm, and Stay in Love with Jesus.

Eston Brinkley (8)

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Church: Wesley Memorial UMC
District: Harbor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Local: Finance, Delegate to AC, Trustee, SPRC, Lay Leader, Teacher, Usher, Greeter

District: Board of Laity, DCOM, Director of LSM,

Conference: Delegate, Conference Committee on Evangelism, 8 yrs. BOM

Jurisdiction: Committee on Journalism

General Conference: Delegate 2016 and 2019

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

I have been blessed with a variety of local, district, conference, Jurisdictional and General Conference experience. As a member of the Board of Ordained Ministries for 8 years, 4 years on the executive committee overseeing the BOM and director of LSM, now co-director I have worked with many Local and Ordained clergy as well as Lay Leaders across the conference. I have the basic knowledge of the BOD having served on the Jurisdictional Journalism committee and a General conference delegate twice. As a denomination we need direction and a clear vision as we face an uncertain future.

Beth Burt (9)

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Church: Oxford UMC
District: Heritage

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Stephen Minister, Stephen Ministry leadership team, Sunday School teacher, confirmation teacher/leader, Emergency Response Team (ERT) leader, youth mission team leader, mission team participant, meal team for night shelter, Health & Wellness Chair, the Daniel Plan facilitator, UMW circle

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

I am a lifelong Methodist who applies the Wesleyan quadrilateral to my life. I would like to listen & represent all generations, not special interests or specific groups. As a certified mediator, I have used my skills to facilitate group discussion & work and find common ground. It is important to me to be a part of a thriving, compassionate, and inclusive church.

Lydia Cauley (10)

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Church: Aldersgate United Methodist Church-
Durham
District: Corridor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

- Current Director of Youth and Outreach at Aldersgate UMC
- Grew up attending NCC Youth Events like Breakaway and ACS
- 5+ years as volunteer staff and/or Dean of NCC Youth Events like Breakaway and ACS
- Previous Camp Rockfish camper and staff
- Previous staff for Lake Junaluska winter youth events
- Member to NCCUMC Annual Conferences as a young adult for 5 years
- Assisted with Heritage and Sound district youth events
- One summer as Red Bird Mission Conference Camp Staff
- Short term mission volunteer in Haiti and Costa Rica
- NCCUMC Preacher's kid for 27 years

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

I believe in our connectional church, we are all children of God, we have all messed up, and we have all been given God's prevenient grace, and abounding love. When asked "what does being a Methodist mean," a youth I know responded "it's when you see the Methodist symbol and know that you are home." It is because our church spans across the state, the country, and the world that I have been blessed to know so many who have made a great impact on my life. I want to be a delegate because I want to do what I can to strengthen our connection and to find ways for us to move forward together.

Martha Caves (11)

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Church: Warren's Grove UMC
District: Corridor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Local: PPRC Chair, Lay Delegate, Lay Leader, Choir, UMW Treasurer, many committees; former UMW President, Lay Servant. District: dCOM, Mission Strategy Team, UMW Historian; former Lay Leader, UMW President, Committee on Superintendancy, Building and Location Committee, Board of Laity. Conference: Board of Institutions, UMW Nominations Chair, UMW Mission u Treasurer; former Board of Laity, Member of 2012 Delegation, Dean of Mission u, Insurance Committee. I assisted the Judicial Council in 2016 General Conf. and the 2019 General Conf.

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

I try to live by the words of my Lord and Savior: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart;" and, "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27, NIV) I was born into The United Methodist Church and want to see it thrive. As a delegate I will be representing YOU, not my own agenda. I will listen to you with my ears and my heart and be guided by the Holy Spirit. I strive to live into the person that God wants me to be, showing love and compassion to all. If elected, I will be honored to represent the laity of the NCC and be committed to the work with the integrity & diligence it deserves.

Lawson Cope (12)

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Church: Highland UMC
District: Capital

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

- Served as the United Methodist Youth representative to my Church Council for the past three years, in addition to serving on my church's youth missions team for four years
- Served three times as a lay delegate from HUMC to Annual Conference
- Actively participate in my church (youth group, Sunday school, acolyte, A/V volunteer in worship, lay preacher), and I meet with my pastor almost every Wednesday
- Attended Pilgrimage 5 times
- Participated in my church's annual youth summer mission project with churches from across North Carolina

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

After praying and consulting with mentors from my church, I feel like I am being called into leadership within the church. I have also been learning to listen to people in different life circumstances and appreciating the need to hear different voices. For these reasons, I am offering myself to be a delegate for General Conference 2020, hoping to serve as a young leader within the church and to help ensure that youth and young adult voices are represented. I feel that my experience on my local church council and as a three-time delegate to Annual Conference has helped prepare me for this task.

Claire Cox-Woodlief (13)

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Church: Saint Francis UMC-Cary
District: Capital

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

I have been active in my church for 25 + years. For the past 7, I have served as the Assist. to the DS in the Capital District and serve as a Certified Lay Speaker, New Consecration Sunday Leader, Conflict Transformation Minister and Spiritual Director. I have been on the Leadership Team for the NC Academy for Spiritual Formation for over 14 years and am a participant in the 2-Year Academy. I serve on the NC Camping & Retreat Ministries and La Estrella Resplandeciente Boards. I served as a Jurisdictional Delegate in 2016, involved in efforts resulting in the election of Bishop L. Fairley.

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

The United Methodist Church is deeply divided and we need people to serve as Delegates who will maintain an openness to be led by the Holy Spirit. I am convicted that Jesus offers us a witness of offering radical hospitality to all people and we are called to do the same. I believe God has a plan for the church that may be beyond our imagination and we must submit ourselves into a time of prayerful discernment, listening for God's direction and then we must boldly follow. I will commit to such a process.

Julia Crone (14)

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Church: Union Grove
District: Corridor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

I am new to the North Carolina Conference. I moved to Durham this fall to attend Duke Divinity School and am now pursuing ordination as an elder in the North Carolina Conference. I am a member of Union Grove and serve by reading scripture, serving communion, and even preaching. I also sing in the choir. Before moving to North Carolina, I was involved in the Tennessee Conference. I served as Youth Ministry Coordinator at Blakemore UMC from 2015-2018 and was a member of the joint TN and Memphis Conference Discernment Cohort following Exploration 2017.

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

I love the United Methodist Church more than I can possibly express. This is the Church in which I met God, got on board with God's action in my life, and heard a call to ministry. This Church is my home and my family. As a hopeful future clergywoman, I want to represent the next generation of United Methodists as we move into our future together. I believe that I have gifts to help bridge divides between generations and perspectives.

Houston Crumpler III (15)

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Church: First UMC Clinton, NC
District: Harbor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

I am a rotating teaching for the C. Freeman Heath Sunday School Class at First UMC of Clinton, NC. I am a certified lay speaker and I am very active in the Harbor District, preaching often in small local churches. I have previously served on the Harbor District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries.

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

I would like the opportunity to represent our Annual Conference at the 2020 General Conference and have the opportunity to serve and fellowship with United Methodist from around the world.

Wayne Dewberry (16)

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Church: Haw River UMC
District: Corridor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Haw River UMC: Bible Study Leader presently and for the last 8 years

Member: Trustees, Church Council, UMM

District Director of Lay Servants (Corridor District)

Certified Lay Minister (CLM) since 2015

Active in Pulpit Substitution

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

General Conference: Interested in assuring the UMC ideals and principles are maintained and making sure all are welcome to our church membership.

Christine Dodson (17)

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Church: Christine Dodson
District: Harbor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

I serve as the Conference Treasurer/Business Administrator and Conference Benefits Officer. In addition, I serve as vice-chairperson of the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) and have previously served as the chairperson of the Audit and Review Committee and member of the Economic Advisory Committee for GCFA. At my local church, Mt. Moriah UMC in the Harbor District, I serve as the Finance Committee chairperson and a member of the Staff/Parish Relations Committee. I have previously served at the jurisdictional level on the Finance and Audit Committees.

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

I am submitting my name for consideration as I believe I can offer institutional knowledge concerning the decisions to be made at General Conference (GC) and have background and skills that will benefit the work we do together at GC. With the many important decisions to be made, the impact of decisions on all levels of the UMC must be considered along with plans for the careful implementation of those decisions. I am willing to serve if elected and help guide this organizational change in a way to best glorify God and strengthen the work of Jesus Christ through the UMC.

John Dooley (18)

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Church: Apex
District: Fairway

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Local: Technology, Sometime liturgist, Sunday school Teacher

District: Lay servants

Conf: Lay rep to.

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

I have been attending annual conf as a representative or on my own for over 20 years. As a result I believe I have a good sense of the desires of this conference. I also have what I believe is a useful in this case knowledge of human nature. Most importantly to me, I hope like all of us I have learned something from studying scripture and listening for Gods word for 5 decades.

Mark Edquid (19)

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Church: Pine Valley UMC
District: Harbor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

- Church Business Admin/Exec Dir Ops 10.5 years at PVUMC
- Board Treasurer for Coastal Carolina Emmaus Community 8 years
- Founded the Wilmington Church Administrators Network in 2012 Past President, current member
- Member United Methodist Business Leaders Network
- Consulted with Other area UMCs at request of former District Superintendent's request

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

As a Methodist in full support of the Church's mission and the local church's calling to make disciples... I have corporate and local business knowledge, experience and skills to understand and assist in these processes. I believe our church's best days are ahead of us and I would be honored and glad to be a part of helping the church take the next step.

Kathy Flanagan (20)

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Church: Trinity UMC - Jacksonville
District: Sound

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

I currently serve as Lay Member to Annual Conference and Youth Group Leader. I have served in the past as Church Council Secretary, Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development, and Board of Trustees.

In fact, it was at Annual Conference 2016 where I heard my Call to Ordained Ministry.

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

I am also a Certified Candidate for Deacon in the Sound District. I am in the Master of Arts in Christian Practice (MACP) at Duke Divinity School, 2017 Cohort, and will begin my last semester in May. I am finding myself feeling called to serve at General Conference as a Lay Delegate first - and then through God's grace - as Clergy in the future. I pray my varying perspectives (as a Youth Parent, Youth Leader, Lay Delegate, and Seminarian) would serve to enrich the diversity, conversation, and the voice of God at General Conference 2019.

Jennifer Gedeon (21)

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Church: North Raleigh UMC
District: Capital

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

I enjoy being an active member of my church community. I am currently taking the reins of the children's choir ages 8-10. I have been a part of many small study groups, and I am now part of a core team helping to get a new group started.

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

I have a passion for seeing God's grace and love work through people that are trying to find God's will. Through traveling abroad and hosting visitors, I have had the exciting opportunity to learn more about how United Methodism is experienced in many different cultures. I enjoy meeting people at the table and learning from other people's perspectives and bringing my own journey to the table so that we may all further the richness of our understanding of our Creator for the glory of God.

Susan Graebe (22)

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Church: Soapstone UMC
District: Capital

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

I am a trained coach for clergy/laity focused on strengths, active listening, and asking good questions, with an MDiv from Duke. I bring 30+years of service in the local church, 2 nonprofits, and the NCCUMC Conference, much of it focused on children/youth to empower them in their journey. Highlights include: Children's Minister/Confirmation Leader, Race of Grace Co-Founder/Organizer, Former ZOE Empowers Associate Director and Advocates Co-leader, NCCUMC Conference-lead organizer for Pilgrimage 8 years, clergy/laity coach, current Resident in Ordained Ministry Coordinator.

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

Growing up as the daughter of a UMC pastor in small SC towns, I saw my father resist exclusion of any kind, even as others around us would not. Shaped by the conviction that being one in Christ means everyone, no exceptions (Gal. 3:28), I feel called to action by this defining moment in our church's history. I offer my theological education, my training in coaching and healthy, fruitful conversations, my upbeat and creative spirit, and my deep love for the United Methodist Church to work for policies, practices, and leadership that support unity and full inclusion across the denomination.

Patty Gravinese (23)

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Church: North Raleigh UMC
District: Capital

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

North Raleigh UMC: Church Council, Executive Committee, Finance Committee Chairman, Anchor Church Discernment Team Lead, Reconciliation Ministry Team, Chancel Choir, Stephen Minister, past Youth Leader

NCCUMC: Council for Finance & Administration, Budget Chairman, Joint Executive Committee, CFA Delegate to Annual Conference, Past Audit Committee member

Edenton Street United Methodist Church (ESUMC) Employed as Chief Financial Officer & participate in the following governance committees: Church Council, Steering Committee, Shared Finance, Shared Trustee, ESUMC site Finance, Trustees, & SPRC

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

I serve in ways that allow me to express love and empathy for all people. At this juncture, I desire to bring wholeness to the broken state of the UMC. Our church stands on the precipice, & no one can say what direction we are headed. Whatever direction that ends up being, grace, love, the capacity to listen well, & empathy are qualities that will be sorely needed in the decision making process. Grounded in contemplative practice, faithful in prayer, active in service, I feel that I can bring these traits & qualities to my work if elected as a delegate to the General Conference.

Mellinda "Mel" Hansen-Holloway (24)

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Church: Saxapahaw UMC
District: Corridor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

A former Diaconal Minister in the SCACUMC, I joined Saxapahaw UMC in 2005. Since 2010, I served as the Lay Delegate to NCACUMC and am on most church committees. My service includes: UMYF leader, Board Member of Mosaic Rural Wellness Center, Inc.; the work group to start our local food bank, S.A.F.E; drama leader VBS/summer camp programs; praise band member; and small group leader. I am part of interracial family with my disabled husband, Rondell & our special needs child, Oni. We live in rural Alamance Co. Our local UMC is the amazing community that has sustained us through many hardships.

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

As a teacher, artist, theologian, and social justice advocate, I live where race, education, class, and abilities meet. I chose the UMC as an adult, because of the Wesleyan call to welcome the marginalized and empowered them to participate fully in worship. As educated, critical Biblical scholars, we engage scripture with reason, tradition, and experience. We fight any "ism" that does not pass the litmus test of love God, love one another, love oneself, and care for God's creation. I am a centrist, as a delegate I hope to build bridges for all who claim to be Methodist.

Fred Hight (25)

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Church: Winstead UMC
District: Capital

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Sunday School teacher, Nominations Committee, Building Committee, UMM, Active in Peanut Ministry, Praise Band Member singer, Building Sales Team Co-Chair.

District- DCOM member, past chair of District Board of Superintendency.

Annual Conference Activities- Current Member as alternate delegate to Southeastern Jurisdiction, have been a lay member to Annual Conference for a number of years

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

I believe I can help guide our church through some difficult times and am willing to listen to what anyone has to say about church issues. I believe in the Book of Discipline and will follow its guidelines as so stated. I know a lot of people in the Conference and feel that I can represent people with all backgrounds and opinions.

I believe in God's word, the Bible, and I try my best to live up to what it says.

Miles Hunt (26)

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Church: Saint Andrews UMC
District: Capital

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Local Church Committee Service (Past/Current*):

Admin Council, Nominations, *Youth Advisory Council (Past Chair), *Missions,
*Worship, *Congregational Care, & *Church Safety

Addtl. Local Church Service:

UMYF counselor, pulpit supply, various other ministries reaching out to our community

Mission Service:

El Salvador VIM Team (2014-19); Co-Leader (2017-19)

UMVIM Team Leader Certification

UMCOR ERT Certification

Annual Conference:

Lay Member (At-Large) 2017-Current; Lay Teller (2018)

Pursuing Ordained Ministry as an Elder

Jurisdiction:

UMVIM, SEJ Young People in Missions Team (2015-16)

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

I'm young adult on fire for God! As one who is pursuing ordained ministry as an elder, I strongly believe God's work isn't finished for us people called United Methodists. With over 12 million people within our denomination, it's vital everyone's voice is heard when we convene in holy conferencing. As a delegate, I'll work hard to ensure your voice is represented. I'll advocate on behalf of youth and young adults who are very underrepresented in the church they're a part of now and will lead in the future. I would be honored to serve as your delegate representing your voice within the UMC.

Phil Isaacs (27)

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Church: Phil Isaacs
District: Corridor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Local: President of the Men's Group for the last 5 years. Lay Leader since 1992. Lay delegate to annual conference since 1995. Certified Lay Servant since 2016. I preach at Cedar Cliff 2-4 times a year.

District: Served on the District Board of Churches & Buildings 2000-2002 & The Board of Superintendency 2001-2002.

Conference: In 2001-2002 I served as a Lay representative to the new Conference Connection

Table: Lay member to the Southeast Jurisdictional Conference 2004-2008. The Burlington District Lay-leader 2011-2012. Served as an Lay alternate and page for the SEJ 2016 until now.

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

Since 1986 I have served on most of the committees and in all of the work areas of CC UMC. I feel that I have a very good understanding of the policies & positions of the UMC on the local, district, & Annual Conference levels. I would like to serve on the SEJ Conference so there would be one more vote to elect Bishops that will uphold the policies of the UMC. On the General Conference level I would do my part to uphold the Book of Discipline as it is currently written. I believe that the Word of God is the only rule that we need to follow to live our Christian faith.

Henry Jarrett (28)

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Church: Fairmont
District: Capital

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Currently serve on Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships, was chair of from 2012-2016, President of the North Carolina Annual Conference chapter of the Methodist Federation for Social Action, led mission trips to various place including Haiti, Costa Rica, South Carolina, Wilmington, Hinton Rural Life Center. Serve on Church Council at Fairmont United Methodist Church and on the steering Committee for the Greater Triangle CROP Hunger Walk and President of the Triangle Interfaith Alliance.

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

I feel I am well informed on the issues facing the United Methodist Church. I want to see a church that stays United Methodist. I believe in an inclusive church and also in Wesleyan quadrilateral of interpreting scripture through reason, tradition, and experience.

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District: Sound

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Member of UMC for most of my adult life; Choir Director/Musician in local church; Adult Sunday School Teacher; President of Sound District UMW; Have been Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Secretary, and Chair of Nominations on the District Team; For seven years I have been representative for Verona at Annual Conference [NCCUMC], Secretary of Church Council in Verona

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

I would like to serve as Delegate to General Conference. I am in prayer for the people of UMC now and in the future. We, though many and diverse must recognize we are "One in the Spirit" and what that belief demands is "Focus on God and 'His' Kingdom". I am led by Ephesians 4:4-6, and His presence knocking on my heart's door.

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District: Fairway

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

I am a Deaconess and Certified Lay Leader in the United Methodist Church. I earned certification as a Health Minister through the Wesley Theological Seminary and am currently serving as the chair of the Health Ministry Team in the NC Conference. I have also worked with the Sabbath Living team in the NC and Western NC Conferences. In the local church I have led studies on health and wellness. I am also very active in our community garden. Additionally, I enjoy leading our youth through Bible Study, Sunday School, and youth group activities.

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

My call to serve as a delegate began as I was taking courses on the History and Doctrine and Polity of the United Methodist Church class to become consecrated as a Deaconess. The Doctrine and Polity class was held in Portland, Oregon during the 2016 General Conference. I was able to experience General Conference while learning about the importance and application of our Doctrine and Polity. I believe that my training to be a Deaconess and love of serving in the United Methodist Church have prepared me to serve as a delegate to the 2020 General Conference.

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District: Harbor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Harbor District Representative to Conference Council on Youth Ministries.

Served as Junior High Rep. to Conference Youth Council.

Called every pastor in the Harbor District to check on them and pray for them after Hurricane Florence.

Helped plan and staffed Pilgrimage, Kaleidoscope, and T.O. Takeover.

Serve on Wrightsville's Administrative Council.

Shared my testimony in worship at all three services.

Active member of the church, youth group, and praise band.

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

I believe it is important to have all age groups represented at General Conference. In a denomination that wants to attract more young people, I would be honored to represent the voices of the youth in our conference and the future of United Methodism.

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Church: North Raleigh
District: Capital

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Local church (Agape Korean UMC): Young Adults leader, Children's Sunday School teacher, Chair of Intercessory Prayer Cmte., Youth PTA chair, UMW unit president, Sermon Translation, PPRC, Chair of Missions, Cell group leader,

District: Capital District Lay Leader, Capital District Dismantling Racism Comm., Capital DCOM

Conference: United Methodist Women Korean Language Coordinator, UMW Conference Communications Coordinator, Asian Ministry, Cross Racial/Cross Cultural Ministry, Refugee & Immigration Task Force and Committee, Heritage District ADS, Board of Ordained Ministry,

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

By serving as a delegate, I can bring racial and cultural diversity to represent NC Conference. I've always strongly sensed my calling as one building bridges and connecting among cultures and races and have served the United Methodist Church as such. It would be an honor for me in living out my calling to share my experiences, knowledge and faith in supporting our Annual Conference serving as a delegate to Jurisdictional and/or General Conference.

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Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Lay Leader

Lay Delegate to Annual Conference

Serve on Worship Committee

Communion Steward

Lay Preaching

Fund Raising Chairman

Administrative Council Member

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

I would like to serve in order to represent the interests and concerns of our local church and community.

I feel led to attend General and/or Jurisdictional Conference in order to express our desire to create and establish Biblical standards in order to further the growth of the Kingdom of God. and The United Methodist Church.

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Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Certified Lay Speaker, member of the Lay Servant Committee in the Sound District, Financial Officer of Arapahoe UMC, former Chair of PPRC, former President of the Administrative Board, led and conducted Bible Studies, have led Sunday School classes for various ages. I have served on many of the local boards and committees within the UMC at several local churches within the Sound District. I have attended the Annual Conference as an at-large delegate for the past 6 years or so.

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

The UMC is at a critical point in its existence and I would like to bring a fresh face and a modern opinion to the table. There has been much turmoil over the past few years and it is time to take a step forward in solidifying the position of the UMC. While I have my own personal opinions and thoughts, I will attend with an open mind and a loving heart.

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District: Harbor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Certified Lay Speaker

Steven Minister

Trustee Board Member

Senior Ministry Worship Leader

Currently Enrolled in the Local License Pastor Program

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

I seek to continue to serve the Lord and his Church in all ways possible.

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Church: Calvary Memorial UMC
District: Sound

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Local: Certified Lay Servant, Sunday School teacher, Lay Delegate to annual conference, SPRC, Church Council, Endowments Committee chair, Worship Committee chair, church organist; District: former Greenville District Lay Leader; Conference: former member, Board of Church and Society

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

I am a hopeful United Methodist--hopeful about our continuing support of the Social Principles of our church, hopeful about our ministry of evangelism and social justice, hopeful about our continuing focus on Wesleyan grace and sanctification, and hopeful about the future of our denomination. I began my ministry in the church when I was 14, playing the organ for worship; in May 2019, I begin my 50th year as a church organist, and I still believe Samuel Stone's hopeful words: "The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord." I want to serve to offer this hopeful vision to our delegation.

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Church: Camp Ground United Methodist Church (CGUMC)
District: Gateway

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

* Past: Youth Coordinator at CGUMC, Administrative Board, Council on Ministries, UMM Vice-President, SS teacher for youth, President of Golden Elite.

Now: Chancel Choir, Sing with the Kingsmen (men's choir), Grooms Gang (maintains yard, cemetery, buildings, equipment at CGUMC).

* District – District UMM President; Lay Rallies; District classes; Emmaus.

* Conference (NCAC) -Lay Member of NCAC, Member of 2012 Jurisdictional Delegation, work with Concerned Methodists, inform NCAC members of issues in UMC through exhibit, fact sheets and as Editor of The Christian Methodist Newsletter.

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

As Executive Director of Concerned Methodists, I'm a full-time volunteer focused on reforms needed for revival in the United Methodist Church. In my 30 years' service, I have studied thousands of pages of information, analyzed reasons for our church's problems, and formulated what can spark a turnaround to stop our decline. In talking with people and churches across the country, I have a wide grasp of concerns of a cross-section of United Methodists. As Editor of The Christian Methodist Newsletter (circulation of 15,000+ across the United States and 21 foreign countries), we communicate ideas.

Debora Murphy (38)

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District: Fairway

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Peak UMC/Apex UMC- Nominations & Leadership Development Co-Chair, Discipleship Leader,
Lead Delegate to NCCUMC

Fairway District- Heart of Carolina Emmaus

NCCUMC- Music Director for Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation

Upper Room Communicator for Emmaus Ministries

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

I serve as Music Director for the Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation, as Communicator for Upper Room Emmaus Ministries, and as a trainer in the Heart of Carolina Emmaus community. I am an executive coach with years of experience in leadership, management, process improvement, learning and development. I will use these experiences and skills to knowledgably and ably serve our denomination and conference. As a delegate to General Conference, I will be a loving, faithful servant who listens to the Holy Spirit as we ponder all the ways we are to love God and love our neighbors.

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Church: Harbor UMC
District: Harbor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

I am a life long Methodist. Over the years I have served on many committees including the Church Council, Finance Committee (past Chair), and Staff/Parish Relations Committee (past Chair). I have been involved with our youth for many years both as Jr-Hi Sunday School Teacher and as an Adult Councilor to the Methodist Youth Fellowship Group. I am presently serving as Lay Member to the Annual Conference.

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

As a delegate to General Conference, I would bring a unique insight of someone who has the prospective of an older adult who has served in many aspects of the local church. I am able to listen to those of different ages and backgrounds and to carefully present my understanding of issues. I will prayerfully consider the resolutions presented at General Conference and vote as I am lead by the Holy Spirit. At Jurisdictional Conference I will carefully and prayerfully consider the candidates and cast my vote for the candidates that are best suited to lead us forward in this difficult time.

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District: Corridor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

As a lifelong United Methodist for 36 years, I have served the NC Annual Conference in multiple ways. After leaving my home church of Newland UMC in the Beacon District, I served as a student officer for 3 years at the Wesley Foundation of East Carolina University, and then as a student officer on the United Methodist Student Movement for 2 years. I have been very engaged in the Reconciling United Methodists of NC, and now with the Sacred Witness movement, both of which are pursuing full inclusion in the UMC of people like myself who identify as LGBTQ+.

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

LGBTQ+ people are of sacred worth, and no one has the authority to restrict the rights of people solely based on their God-given sexual orientation or gender identity. The UMC's obsession with excluding LGBTQ+ people from the church during legislative sessions--as showcased during GC 2019--has had minimal representation by LGBTQ+ people. If we believe in a church where LGBTQ+ people are fully included, then we should have voice and vote at GC 2020. We can help build a UMC that reflects the inclusive Christ of the Beatitudes, and try to erase the abomination of the so-called Traditional Plan.

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Church: North Raleigh
District: Capital

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

I have had the honor of being elected to five consecutive General Conference (GC) delegations by our laity from 2000 to 2016. My 6th GC was the special call session in St. Louis. Additional General Church service includes my work as a past member of the Board of Directors of the General Commission on United Methodist Men (UMM). I am a past Southeastern Jurisdiction UMM 3rd Vice President, and a past North Carolina Conference UMM President. I have served as chair of The Board of Trustees of the United Methodist Retirement Homes, and Vice President of the Council on Finance and Administration.

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

I believe that my background and experience at all levels of the United Methodist Church has prepared me to serve and make informed decisions at this law making body assembly that we know as General Conference. General Conference requires a significant commitment of time, preparation and knowledge about our Church and its many challenges. This gathering also requires an understanding of Scripture and church history. And although we have disagreement and division, I believe that we can work together to do mission and ministry in the world for God's people in the name of Jesus Christ.

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Church: Soapstone UMC
District: Capital

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Local:

Director of Youth Ministries, FUMC, Elizabeth City (2011-2018)

Director of Family Ministries, Soapstone UMC (2018-Present)

District:

Beacon District Member to Annual Conference (2013-2017)

Beacon District Youth Coordinator (2015-2018)

Beacon District Core Mission Strategy Team (2015-2018)

Capital District Member to Annual Conference (2019-)

Conference:

Conference Youth Events staff (2014-Present)

Youth Operations Team (2015-Present)

Dean of Mean, Breakaway (2016-2017)

Overall Dean, Costa Rica mission (2017-2018)

Worship Leader, Kaleidoscope & ACS (2018-Present)

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

I believe it is important for young people to participate in the life of the church at every level. So I want to participate in our Conference's delegation both because I am a young adult myself, and to show the youth in my local church and those who come to our Conference events that this is an important, powerful, and meaningful way to live into our Baptismal vows. Conference Events have had a great impact on me both as a youth and as an adult, and I want to help do the work that allows our Connectional church to exist and impact the next generation.

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District: Sound

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

I am the vice-chair of our church council and have lead our stewardship program for several years. I have taught Sunday School for over 30 years. I have been heavily involved with our VBS and Sunday youth groups over the last 3 years. I have delivered 4 messages on laity Sunday over the past 4 years. I retired 3 years ago which allowed me to become involved with the FCA in Carteret County. I have lead the Coach's Huddle over the last 3 years and for the varsity baseball team at West Carteret High School. My father, Bob Poulk was a minister in this conference for almost 40 years.

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

I am very concerned with the state of our church. My father, Bob Poulk, who served many churches in this conference, would also be greatly concerned over the current status of the church he loved so much. I believe we have for many years now "majored in the minors and minored in the majors". We have lost sight of Jesus call for each one of us to the Great Commission. I want to, as a disciple of Jesus, help the church I have served in for almost 50 years, become His body to lead all to the knowledge and love of Jesus.

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District: Heritage

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

I am a Certified Lay Speaker, Co-Director of Lay Servant Ministries in the Heritage District, and a Certified Lay Minister assigned to Whitakers UMC.. I served on Church and Society for almost 20 years, partly as Chairman; as Chairman of Committee on Disability Concerns; now vice-chair of Restorative Justice and Mercy Committee and on Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries

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

As a disabled person and a award-winning journalist, I bring a perspective that is under-represented at GC but is useful in working through issues. I am a orthodox evangelical, a social moderate, and a fierce advocate for truth, justice, mercy, and obedience to Jesus Christ. I am good at seeing different sides of issues and bringing them together, and veterans of Annual Conference know I am unafraid to speak my mind. I have the time, the expertise, and a passion to serve the Church as a delegate to General Conference or Jurisdictional Conference and ask for your vote to do so.

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District: Fairway

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Community Garden

Family Promise

Bread Basket

Youth ministry

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

To represent my community and church at General Conference is an honor and I want to communicate the great things going on in our conference with our church members.

Samuel Robinson (46)

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Church: Center United Methodist Church
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Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Community Garden

Family Promise

Bread Basket

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

To be an active member of the church and community, serving at General Conference is an honor.

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District: Corridor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

- Active member of Mt. Sylvan Church, where I frequently participate in children's ministries, UMYF, church choir, and mission trips.
- Administrative Council, Mt. Sylvan Church, 2010-2014
- Congregational Delegate to Annual Conference, Mt. Sylvan Church, 2011-2013
- Lay Delegate At-Large, Corridor District, 2014-2016, 2018
- Congregational Delegate to Annual Conference, Duke Wesley Fellowship, 2017
- N.C.C.U.M.C. Youth Pilgrimage House Band Member, 2015
- Delegate, Southeastern Jurisdiction Delegation, Global Young People's Convocation - Legislative Assembly, 2014, The Philippines

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

I would not be who I am today without The United Methodist Church. I am a lifelong Methodist, and through this Church I found love, I found purpose, I found affirmation, and I found God. This Conference has provided me with opportunities to fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ from across the street, across North Carolina, and across the globe. I would be honored to serve, because I want to ensure that as many people as possible are able to experience the all-encompassing love of God shown to me through this Church. The Spirit is in our midst, and I want to answer its call.

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District: Capital

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

- NC Conference Board of Laity
- Capital District Co-Lay Leader
- District Committee on Ordained Ministry
- District Board of Church Location and Building
- District Lay Servant Ministry Team
- District Strategy Team
- District Committee on Superintendency
- Adult Sunday School teacher

[Preceding commission as District Lay Leader] Lay Leader, First United Methodist Church Cary

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

I feel a strong call to represent our Conference as a Delegate to General Conference. As a member of Christ's body, I find it essential to reinforce his love for all, especially during this divisive period for our church. In my position as District Lay Leader, I have been blessed with and inspired by many fellow servants at the Conference, District, and Local Church level. Now more than ever, the church needs discernment of God's will for today's world, unity of purpose, and unfailing grace. My call is to help us strive to live into our promise of open hearts, open minds, and open doors.

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District: Capital

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

At Home Memorial UMC I teach Sunday School and Wednesday night programming. I lead and participate in Bible studies. I serve as a greeter on Sunday morning. I host movie night at the church. I am a member of the children's committee and the VBS Director. I serve as a greeter and I am also the local missions coordinator for our partnership with Edgerton UMC. I volunteer with Edgerton UMC with their clothing closet and food ministry. I am ERT certified and I have lead work teams. I am head of an outreach to Longbranch Elementary to help rebuild their library.

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

I feel I have a lot to offer as a Delegate to General Conference because of my experience with local churches, the Board of Ordained Ministry, the District Committee on Ordained Ministry, the Ordination process and my work in the Office of Ministerial Relations.

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District: Harbor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Alternate Lay Member to Annual Conference along with my wife.

I am a certified Lay Speaker in the N.C. Conference.

I teach Sunday School in the local church.

I am also active in the Kairos community at Pender CI in Burgaw

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

I feel that being a representative of this Conference in the whole UMC is a very sobering position. The responsibility is great but it is a duty that has to be carried out and I feel like it has been placed upon me to throw my name into the arena.

Jeff Severt (51)

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District: Capital

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

In my 30 years in membership and ministry within the NC Annual Conference, I have served as: Pastor, Dir of Groups and Service in the local church, & Church Council, District Youth Coordinator, Ordination Guide/Mentor, District Cmte on Ministry, District Council on Ministries, District Lay Rally, District Annual Workshops, Conference Dir of New Faith Communities, Ministry Cabinet, Member of Commission on Congregational Development, Board of Ordained Min, Conference Connectional Table, ACS, Breakaway, UM/Duke Program in Denom'l Leadership, Jurisdictional & General Church Planting Events

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

As a lay nominee of the Evangelical Fellowship, I believe I am uniquely qualified to represent a loving, orthodox witness in the general church. My experience as a pastoral leader—working within the local and connectional structures of the Church at various levels—and serving in recent years as layperson, has refined my understanding of our shared mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Our Wesleyan distinctive to spread scriptural holiness throughout the land is relevant today as the transformation of the world begins with the transformation of one heart, one person, one life at a time.

Lynn Shuffler Shuffler (52)

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District: Harbor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Harbor District Lay Leader, Board of Laity Secretary, Executive Committee BOL, Leadership Team for Celebrate Recovery at MUMC, Delegate to Jurisdictional Conference 2016, Head up Task Force for Harbor District Opioid Crisis (leading seminars to middle and high schoolers on Opioid Crisis), District Strategy Team, District Superintendency Committee, Member of Chancel Choir at PVUMC, Small Group leader at PVUMC

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

I love the United Methodist Church and my fellow United Methodists. I would consider it an honor and privilege to attend General Conference or Jurisdictional Conference to help the UMC grow and thrive as a church and denomination.

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Church: New Creation UMC
District: Corridor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Through the years I have been afforded the opportunity to serve the church at all levels. Currently, I serve as the Unit Treasurer for United Methodist Women. For the Corridor District, I serve on the Board of Ordained Ministry and as the District Communications Coordinator for United Methodist Women. For the Annual Conference, I serve on the Episcopacy Committee, the Board of Church and Society, and the Commission on the Status and Role of Women. I also serve as a board member of the General Board of Church and Society and serve as the assistant to the Secretary of the Judicial Council.

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

My diverse leadership experiences have given me a broad perspective of the church. I have a passion for the church and would bring the gifts of passion for Christ, analytical skills (retired Computer Systems Analyst) and knowledge of UMC polity and structure. But most importantly I want to serve because I love the United Methodist Church; the place where my faith in God has grown and has been strengthened; the place where where I learned that God loves unconditionally. I want to serve as a delegate to General Conference to engage in working on the future of our denomination.

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Church: Harris Chapel UMC
District: Heritage

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

I have represented Harris Chapel UMC, where I am a member, at Annual Conference for three years. I served as a Conference Youth Committee Heritage District Representative in the 2016-17 year. I helped plan district events and was a liaison between conference and district youth events and planning. I also helped plan conference-wide youth events. In the 2017-18 year, I served as the Conference Youth Secretary - I took notes at all meetings of the Conference Council on Youth Ministry and at the 2018 Session of ACS (Annual Conference Sessions for Youth)

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

I believe that the delegation to the 2019 Special Session of General Conference did not comprise enough young people for a decision to be made that represented the beliefs of the entire United Methodist Church. I am running to serve in General Conference because I feel called to give the young people of our conference a seat at the table. I believe that if I get elected it is God's plan for me to represent the Methodist church at annual conference. Having experience with Annual Conference and ACS, I believe I have the skills necessary to serve, but that I will also learn many things.

Gayle Tabor (55)

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Church: St Paul's UMC Carolina Beach
District: Harbor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Lay Member of Annual Conference since 2015; Certified Lay Speaker since 2017; WOW Campus Ministry; Outreach Coordinator at St. Paul's; Director of Church on the Boardwalk Ministry to reach out to unchurched residents and vacationers; Founder of Lego Club ministry; Former Trustee; Adult Sunday School Leader; Huddle/small group leader; Confirmation Mentor; Communications, Social Media, and Website developer.

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

As a committed Christ-follower from an evangelical background, and committed citizen who seeks to transform my community, the UMC has been for a me a place of spiritual growth and support. I long for a UMC that is fervent in its dedication to The Great Commission, passionate about social holiness, and committed to full inclusion. I live and work alongside other Christians who disagree with me, I know what it is like to love others yet maintain a spirit of unity grounded in our common ministry. I believe there is a way forward that honors both our convictions and Christ's call for unity.

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Church: Sandy Plains United Methodist Church
District: Gateway

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Local church: Preached, taught Sunday school, developed missional programming, tutored community children, and have served in the community.

District: Provided training in all districts on discipleship formation, risk-taking ministry, and ministry across the many boundaries that separate us from one another and from God.

Conference: As Conference Director of Connectional Ministries, I provided extensive coaching and assistance to dozens of congregations. I have led MissionU with UMW at all levels. I am consecrated as a Home Missioner to a life-time of love, service, and justice.

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

My great joy is building the beloved community of Jesus Christ. To live love and justice is to demonstrate Jesus's particular interest in those who are given little space at the table: the poor, the outcasts, and those perceived as unworthy. My deep desire is to proclaim the love of Jesus that knows no bounds, that always makes space for the one who is forgotten, that expresses sacred worth for all people, and that forever offers the promise of resurrection life. I have served in three previous General Conferences. My experience is important as we seek to define the UMC as a place for all.

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Church: Vass United Methodist Church
District: Fairway

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Even small churches like to stay involved in the future of the church

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

Because I can

Cathy Thompson (58)

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Church: Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church
District: Sound

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

NCCUMC: Lay Delegate to Annual Conference: 1979, 2015, 2018, 2019

Conference Board of Institutions: 1995-1998

Conference Administrative Review Policy Board: 2014 to present

ACS Delegate 1978

Local Church: Staff Parish Relations Committee (Chair 2011, 2007, 2008)

Finance Committee 2009-2015 and 2004-2008

Church Council (Chair 2001-2004) 1990-1999; 2001-2008; 2011

Chancel Choir 2008 to present

Stephen Minister 1990-1999

Mission Trip to West Virginia (Team Leader 2012); Mission Trip to Jamaica (1997)

UMYF President 1978-80

Sunday School Teacher and Disciple Bible Study Leader

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

My faith in Jesus Christ calls me to love the Lord my God with all of my heart, soul, and mind, and to love my neighbor as myself. On these commandments hang all of the law and the prophets. I have spent my entire professional career in the pursuit of justice and equality for all people. I am a practicing attorney in Greenville. I am the wife of a UM pastor, Jon Strother. (I am also a preacher's kid and a preacher's grandkid!) I have the gifts, graces and experience to ably serve. If elected, I will serve with an open heart, an open mind, and an open door to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

Kenneth Walker (59)

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Church: Concord UMC
District: Corridor

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

I am the Lay Leader of Concord UMC, a thriving middle-sized rural church in the Corridor district. I am a Lay speaker and have preached frequently both at a dozen smaller and larger churches in the area. This experience has given me a greater appreciation for the issues facing the Church. As a Certified Lay Minister, I have filled in for neighboring pastors while they were on sabbatical or out for surgery.

I teach an adult Sunday School class, I am Finance Secretary, SPRC Chair, an active Stephen minister, and am a Certified Lay Minister. I am active in the Emmaus community.

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

I was not "born into" Methodism, but it was in the Methodist Church that I encountered the incomprehensible love of Jesus and his power to transform. I have a deep love for the Methodist Church and pray intently for it. As a previous leader of a large business and as a scientist (>50 patents), I have experience dealing with complex problems and large organizations. I desire to use my leadership experience, keen desire to learn, and disciplined preparation to serve as a delegate because of my passion for God and my gratitude for how I have been blessed by the Methodist Church.

Kelly Walton (60)

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Church: Saint Francis UMC
District: Fairway

Local Church, District, and Annual Conference Activities

Current Role: Adult Youth Leader

Previous Roles: Lay Leadership Committee Member, Nursery Committee Member, Sunday School Teacher, VBS leader

Activities: Pilgrimage, Great Day of Service and other community service, youth retreats, organized family friendly service opportunities during Advent, implemented fire safety protocols and emergency exit maps, and created a VBS program for nursery aged children.

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

As a Product Manager, my profession requires that I listen to diverse and sometimes opposing view points. Given all inputs, I dig into the essential needs and develop a strategic plan to deliver value. As a parent of a trans-teen and a mentor to many teens who value social justice, I have heard many personal stories that provide me with a strong understanding of the needs of our younger disciples.

With well-honed professional skills and a deep understanding of the needs of our teens and LGBTQ community, I would like to offer my time and talent for constructive dialog and collaboration.