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Why did you want to participate in General Conference?

One of my goals in teaching UM Studies, including UM Polity, over the last fifteen years is to inspire new pastors to trust and participate in the denomination beyond the local church—and to inspire others, especially laity, to do the same. After serving on general church groups, such as the Council of Bishops' Ministry Study and the University Senate, as well as teaching so many others to participate, I felt called to offer myself as a possible delegate willing to participate in these important efforts.



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Why do you think General Conference is important?

General Conference is the authoritative body and voice of the United Methodist Church. Its delegates represent United Methodists worldwide. By the Constitution of the UMC, the General Conference is given the authority to discern, lead, and speak for the denomination every four years.

Do you have a prayer request concerning General Conference?

My prayer request for the General Conference is for its participants to know the Holy Spirit's guidance and wisdom to embody a faithful Christian witness of unity, courage, and the love of God in Christ.

What is your greatest hope for General Conference?

What is your greatest hope for the UMC?

What are some of the most exciting ministries that the UMC is doing globally or locally?

One of the most exciting efforts related to General Conference is the discernment and composition of a Book of Discipline for the world-wide United Methodist Church. United Methodism is vital and growing rapidly in Africa, Asia and many other regions across the world. Creating a world-wide Discipline is a monumental task. It requires deep wisdom, close listening, and care for details not just related to the content of the published work, but the facilitation of spiritual formation and Christian vocations of United Methodists around the world.