

Virginia Conference
Of
The United Methodist Church

Clergy Nominees

for
General Conference
May 5-15, 2020

Minneapolis, MN

And

Southeastern Jurisdictional
Conference

July 15-18, 2020

Lake Junaluska, NC

To All Clergy Members of the 2019 Virginia Annual Conference:

(Clergy Nominees: Ribbons will be available at the Registration Help Desk area of the Main Registration Desk, in the Berglund Special Events Center at Annual Conference.)

This booklet* contains biographical information and pictures of clergy who have submitted nomination forms for consideration as clergy delegates to General Conference and to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. The General Conference will meet May 5-15, 2020 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference will meet July 15-18, 2020 at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.

The disciplinary designated members of the annual conference are to elect eleven (11) of these persons as delegates to General, an additional eleven (11) persons as delegates to the jurisdictional conference, and ten (10) alternates. In accordance with the 2016 *Book of Discipline*, the Standing Rules of Order and Procedure state the following clergy members of the Virginia Conference are eligible to vote for General Conference and Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference delegates:

Clergy eligible to vote for General Conference Clergy Delegates

In accordance with ¶35 of 2016 *The Book of Discipline*, the following Clergy are eligible to vote for clergy delegates.

- a) Active and retired elders and deacons
- b) Active and retired provisional members who have completed all of their educational requirements
- c) Active and retired associate members
- d) Local pastors who have completed Course of Study or a Master of Divinity degree and have served a minimum of two consecutive years under appointment immediately preceding the election.

Clergy not eligible to vote for General Conference Clergy Delegates

In accordance with ¶35 and ¶316.6 of The Book of Discipline, the following Clergy are not eligible to vote for clergy delegates.

- a) Local pastors who have not completed Course of Study or a Master of Divinity degree and have not served a minimum of two consecutive years under appointment immediately preceding the election.
- b) Retired local pastors (including those under appointment)

Location for Election of Delegates

The election of Virginia Conference Clergy Delegates to General Conference and the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference will be conducted in the Performing Arts Theatre on the afternoon and evening of June 20.

Electronic Voting Devices

Electronic voting devices will be distributed at registration to clergy who are eligible to vote for clergy delegates. Clergy who are eligible to vote will have an asterisk on their name tags. Instructions about the use of the voting devices will be posted on the conference website (www.vaumc.org) as part of the 2019 Annual Conference page. At the conclusion of the election of delegates, voting devices shall be returned to designated areas in the Performing Arts Theatre.

Election of Delegates

In electing persons to these conferences, please be sensitive to Standing Rules of Order and Procedure III.A, B “We are an inclusive church. We desire to have a delegation that will capably represent the annual conference. The delegation should be representative of the annual conference considering such factors as sex, age, race, disabling conditions, ethnic background, economic conditions and geographical locations. Clergy and lay delegates to General Conference and the jurisdictional conference shall be elected in a fair and open process.”

Please also remember conference rule III.B.4 regarding speeches and printed material, which includes fliers, posters, and preferred voting lists:

No speeches may be made or printed materials distributed at the site of the annual conference on behalf of any nominee.

Clergy Nominations from the Floor.

Conference Standing Rule III.C.2.b) contains the following process for clergy nominations from the floor. After the convening of the Annual Conference session, prior to entering block voting, the presiding Bishop will ask for any nominations from the floor. Any nominations made from the floor must be made by eligible clergy (III.C.1.b.i) and the nominee must be present to accept or decline the nomination. Nominations from the floor shall be closed by the presiding Bishop.

Balloting Process

The balloting process is guided by Conference Standing Rule III.F.1-7

1. Separate Voting Areas. Following the convening of Annual Conference, clergy and laity will separate to elect General and jurisdictional delegates and alternates, allowing five (5) hours to complete the process.
2. Ballots Shall Be Counted Electronically. The Rules Committee shall determine the electronic equipment and procedures to be used and shall do so in consultation with the chief lay and clergy tellers.
3. Valid Ballots. To be valid, a ballot:
 - (a) must be cast on the ballot bearing the number designated by the presiding officer for that particular ballot; and
 - (b) must be voted for the number of delegates and/or alternates to be elected on that ballot, no more and no less.
4. Voting Area. The presiding officer shall designate the areas of the Lay and Clergy Sessions where members shall be seated during balloting. Ballots shall be cast from only those present and seated within the voting areas of the annual conference and displaying the proper credentials.
5. Ballot Reporting. After a ballot has been counted, the chief teller, either clergy or lay, shall furnish a written report to the Bishop which shall contain (a) number of ballots cast; (b) number of ballots not valid; (c) number of ballots counted; (d) number of ballots necessary to elect; and (e) list of names of persons voted for, including the number of votes received by each, beginning with the largest number of votes.
6. Majority Required for Election. On every ballot, a majority of the valid votes cast shall be necessary for the election of a delegate, except on the ballot to elect reserve delegates to the jurisdictional conference.
7. Reading or Distributing Names. On the first ballot for General Conference, the presiding officer shall read or display all names receiving votes with the number of votes cast for each. After the first ballot, the 25 nominees receiving the highest number of votes shall be read or displayed, according to the highest number of votes received. In the event of a tie between two or more nominees for the last available position on the General or jurisdictional delegation, a run-off election will be ordered by the bishop to select the person to fill that position. Only the names of those in the run-off are open for votes. The names will be read in order of their election. The person with the highest number of votes cast will be seated with the appropriate delegation. When all General Conference delegates have been elected, the same procedure shall be followed for jurisdictional conference delegates.

We invite you to be in prayer as we engage in this election process.

**The Clergy Nominees booklet may be obtained in printed format for \$15 by contacting Bev Myers in the Office of Connectional Ministries, BevMyers@vaumc.org or 804-521-1134.*

CLERGY NOMINEES

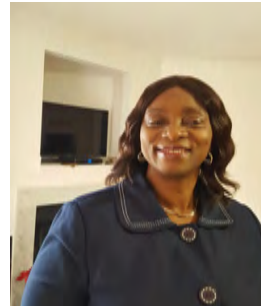
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Alley-Grant, M. Lynne	Johnson, Brian William	Pruitt, Gordon Keith
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Barnard, Thomas R.	Johnson, Robert Bruce	Ray, Linda Driver
Baynham, Lindsey Michelle	Joyner, Alexander	Reaves, Michael B.
Benton, Matthew Joseph	Jun, RJ Seungsoo	Reaves, Susan
Berlin, Thomas M.	Keeling, Sara Porter	Robbins, Brandon Paul
Blakely, Lyndsie N.	Kim, Dan Chinyho	Robinson, Nancy Elizabeth
Calvert, Sarah Leona Kosak	Kim, Seonyoung	Rosario, Ileana
Carson, Joe T. III	King, Joshua	Siegle, Brian
Cloud, Bert	Lee, Chenda Innis	Smith, Jeffrey B.
Coffey, Jennifer Dickison	Lee, Hyo	Smith, Matthew G.
Colby, Drew VanDyke	Lewis, Robert D.	Smith, Theodore
Colwell, Jessica Squires	Lobenhofer, Lauren C.	Snow, Jason
Crisp, Amy L.	Locke, Sara Dumas	Sowder, J. Adam
Davis, Scott E.	McGehee, Lisa Myers	Stanley, Jason C.
Decker, Nathan Alan	McMullen, Bradley Adam	Stewart, Carl O.
Dietz, Joanna S.	McNabb, Meredith	Stratton, Laura Anne
Dore, Livingstone S.	Mertins, Taylor Christian	Summers, Steven J.
Elmore, Daniel E.	Mickle, Jeffrey P.	Tang, Ann On-Lin
Forrester, J. Douglas	Montgomery, Will	Taylor, Leigh Anne
Gilmore, Rachel	Moon, Peter M.	VanDyke, Rhonda
Givens, F. Elizabeth	Nave, Kirk	Vaughan, David F.
Gomez, Victor	Nelson, Gretchen Olivia	Vaughn, Rob
Guyton, Morgan	Simpson	Ward, Timothy
Han, Grace Sun-khil	Ogren, Mark	Wastella, Sarah Ruth
Haugh, Jeffrey Joseph	O'Quinn, James G.	Webster, Kathleen Overby
Herndon, Ernest T.	Orndorff, Joshua Randall	White, William M.
Holder, Donna C.	Page, Jonathan	Willson, Andrew B.
Hong, Jung Pyo	Paysour, Douglas B.	



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Name: Esther Naana Agbosu
Address: 127 River Walk Ct Hampton, Virginia 23669-1246
Preferred Phone (804) 580-1504
Email: estheragbosu@vaumc.org
Church: Bethany UMC (Hampton)
District: York River District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

Serving on Missional Ministries Board, Served on Rappahannock River District Board of Mission. Served as Missions and Evangelism Coordinator Ghana Methodist Conference. Taught Lay Preacher's School, Ghana Methodist Church. Initiated new mission and ministry programs. BSc Agriculture, M.Div. (Wesley) I believe the United Methodist Church is a diverse community of people seeking God and committed to living the Gospel of Jesus Christ together. Even though a lot is going on in our denomination I strongly believe in God's promise "to make all things new." I am very hopeful for the future of our denomination despite our current struggle to be faithful and inclusive. We can achieve this if we remain focused on making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. From my experiences and as a United Methodist pastor I believe I can bring a unique perspective that will positively impact the work of the General Conference.

Is Nominee aware of nomination and agrees to serve if nominated?

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Standing Rules III.C.1.a

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Name: M. Lynne Alley-Grant
Address: PO Box 715 Blacksburg, Virginia 24063-0715
Preferred Phone (540) 250-5819
Email: LynneAlleyGrant@vaumc.org
Church: Fieldstone UMC
District: Roanoke District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I envision a church where all God's children are welcomed and offered an equal place at the table. I envision a church focused on what Jesus did and how he did it. I envision a church intentionally committed to LOVING GOD and LOVING all people. I bring thirty-five years of leadership experience (both in new church development and mature church revitalization) and a proven track record of bringing about needed change within the church.

I believe that the call to LOVE GOD and LOVE PEOPLE can be fully manifested in a United Methodist Church that is open to all without exception.

I look forward to serving as your delegate.

M. Lynne Alley-Grant

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Name: Gina Anderson- Cloud
Address: 403 Hanover St Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401-5936
Preferred Phone (757) 775-9571
Email: GinaAndersonCloud@vaumc.org
Church: Fredericksburg UMC
District: Rappahannock River District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

As former church planter, and life-long Methodist, who has served congregations in VA and GA of varying sizes, I see hunger for what the church can offer in a changing world. I continue to witness and believe in fruit from true relational ministry in the name of Christ. In this, I believe in an inclusive community of grace committed to empowering the voices of a younger generation who sense this urgent moment for the UMC. My desire is to be faithful, nothing more.

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Name: Thomas R. Barnard
Address: 2276 Crums Church Road Berryville, VA 22611
Preferred Phone (540) 718-9332
Email: pasturtom@revbarnard.net
Church: Crums United Methodist
District: Winchester
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

Secular Education: University of Wisconsin BS in Economics Theological Education: Wesley Theological Seminary - 1999 - M.Div. Work Experience: 1) Started my own company and successfully ran the company for ten years; 2) General Manger of a division of Durham Corporation - four years; Sr. Vice-President for BB&T - three years; I accepted the call to the ministry and have served as a Lay Pastor, an Ordained Deacon, and an Elder for a total of 24 years.

I was blessed to have tremendous secular success and for that I give God the glory. An equal blessing has followed me in the position of pastor of 4 churches over a 24 year pastorate. I have served on many district and conference boards and currently serve as a board member of VA Conf. Housing Development Corporation.

It would be my honor to serve the Virginia United Methodist Conference as a delegate to

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Name: Lindsey Michelle Baynham
Address: 4900 W Grace St Richmond, Virginia 23230-3610
Preferred Phone (804) 521-1160
Email: lindseybaynham@vaumc.org
Church: Boulevard UMC
District: Richmond District
Self Nomination? **No** Nominated by a clergy person who is eligible
to vote:
Drew VanDyke Colby



Personal Statement

It is with willingness and openness of heart that I offer my name as a delegate to the 2020 General Conference. I have been formed, raised, challenged, mentored by clergy and laity, while continuing to grow in the VAUMC. I am thankful for the many friends and mentors that sojourn with me in ministry. I am a Virginia native and have served in the local church as an associate pastor, in campus ministry and am currently serving in the Conference center around call, candidacy and discernment. I am committed to the mission of the United Methodist church "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world". I see this happening in mission, worship, small group formation prayer, holy conversation and all by the overwhelming flood of God's grace. Through prayer, spiritual discipline and listening, I will give my all and seek to represent our conference well.

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Name: Matthew Joseph Benton
Address: 11965 Cotton Mill Dr Woodbridge, Virginia 22192-1522
Preferred Phone (703) 599-8701
Email: mattbenton@vaumc.org
Church: Spirit and Life UMC
District: Alexandria District
Self Nomination? **No** Nominated by a clergy person who is eligible
to vote:
Brian Johnson



Personal Statement

My calling to ministry was a calling into the local church; to see lives transformed and communities healed because of the grace of Jesus Christ being made known in and through the ministry of the local church. I desire to see local churches empowered to do ministry. That empowerment comes through healthy support from a general church, but the general church ought to exist to support the local church. I am a young clergy who, during my time in ministry, has served on the DCOM for the Alexandria District and been an officer in the District clergy association. I have served the oldest church on the Alexandria District, one deeply soaked in history and tradition, and a new church plant.

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Name: Thomas M. Berlin
Address: 13600 Frying Pan Rd Herndon, Virginia 20171-3110
Preferred Phone (703) 793-0026
Email: tberlin@florisumc.org
Church: Floris UMC
District: Arlington District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I am a committed Wesleyan Christian with 30 years' experience in pastoral ministry with an orthodox theology that is articulated in books I have released with Abingdon Press. I serve a vital multi-site congregation which has demonstrated full support of our conference and denomination. I am a past General Conference delegate who is very familiar with our denomination and its leadership. As a speaker and seminar leader in our larger connection, I understand the importance of our mission as well as strategies to help the local church and denomination make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. I currently serve as the Chairperson of the Board of Governors for Wesley Theological Seminary, the SEJ Committee on Episcopacy, and the VAC Committee on Episcopacy. I served on the Commission on a Way Forward. I have experience with the UMC in Africa through 20-year mission partnership in Sierra Leone.

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Name: Lyndsie N.K. Blakely
Address: PO Box 64 Farmville, Virginia 23901-0064
Preferred Phone (804) 398-8956
Email: LyndsieBlakely@vaumc.org
Church: Farmville UMC
District: Farmville District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I was ordained a Deacon in 2015 and have been serving Farmville United Methodist Church since 2010. I currently serve on the Virginia Diaconate Steering Committee. I have served on the Farmville District Committee on Ministry for 3 years and am the current chair of the committee, and I also serve on the Board of Ordained Ministry. I served on the Ministers' Convocation Committee for 5 years, 3 as chair of the committee. I would be honored to be a part of our connectional system in this way as together we prayerfully listen for God's voice and direction for The United Methodist Church.

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Name: Sarah Leona Kosak Calvert
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Preferred Phone (703) 231-4297
Email: SarahCalvert@vaumc.org
Church: Floris UMC
District: Arlington District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I have served as pastor to large and small churches in this conference, and spent the last five years working on church revitalization and leadership development for two districts. As a newly appointed District Superintendent, I believe I will have an even more helpful perspective to bring to the work of the General Conference in 2020. I see the powerful work of the local church and how it can be transforming and life-giving to a community. We need more of this kind of work, and less of the restrictions and political machinations that stop innovative progress in making disciples. This is where I would focus my work as a delegate – to clearing the paths necessary to help the local church accomplish the mission we all have to make disciples and transform the world.

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Name: Joseph T. Carson, III
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23834-3135
Preferred Phone (804) 920-9397
Email: JoeTCarson@vaumc.org
Church: Highland UMC (Colonial Heights)
District: James River District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

My story, my song: / God's calm assurance and bright / hope for tomorrow.

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Name: Rev. Bert Cloud
Address: 426 Deacon Rd Fredericksburg, Virginia 22405-1718
Preferred Phone (540) 736-7007
Email: bertcloud@vaumc.org
Church: Saint Matthias UMC
District: Rappahannock River District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I returned home to the love of God as a young adult in the United Methodist Church. It was in our pews and classrooms that I developed a long love for our Wesleyan theology and our passion for discipleship, mercy and justice. It has been a joy to serve our beautiful and imperfect church as a pastor for almost 20 years, in a range of church sizes and communities. I deeply believe in the transformative power of the Trinity's love, and hold hope for that love as we make our way forward as followers of the one with the power to resurrect. I believe we have a lot of work to do in healing, recovering and renewing.

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Name: Jennifer Dickison Coffey
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Preferred Phone (540) 521-2273
Email: Jennifercoffey@vaumc.org
Church: Fairview UMC
District: Danville District
Self Nomination? **No** Nominated by a clergy person who is eligible to vote:
Janine Howard



Personal Statement

I have a deep love for Jesus and want to be part of working with others to strengthen the ministry of the UMC as we live into God's vision and mission. My faith formation comes from a vibrant experience in the UMC throughout these 36 years of my life including local churches, district youth events and camps, Virginia Tech Wesley Foundation, Wesley Theological Seminary and more. Currently, my husband, 2 children and I live in the Danville District where I serve as Lead Pastor of Fairview UMC and am serving as chairperson of the Danville DCOM. I love seeing people connect more deeply with Jesus, each other and the community through spiritual formation. I love movies, coffee and Virginia Tech football. And I would love the chance to be more involved in serving in the global ministries of the church by being part of the 2020 General Conference Delegation.

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Name: Drew VanDyke Colby
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Preferred Phone (804) 380-7576
Email: drewcolby@vaumc.org
Church: Saint Stephen's UMC
District: Alexandria District
Self Nomination? **No** Nominated by a clergy person who is eligible
to vote:
Lindsey Baynham



Personal Statement

"God being my helper, I am willing to serve as a General Conference delegate if elected. I am a lifelong United Methodist raised by VAUMC clergy (with the help of many of their colleagues still serving in the Conference). I value the United Methodist witness in the world, particularly our understanding of the free and transforming grace of God in Jesus Christ. I've served as a pastor of youth, young adults, outreach, mission, and community engagement for six years. I would not say I have a "desire" to serve as a delegate. It seems like very difficult work. Nonetheless, if elected I will listen well, pray fervently, and proceed with confidence in God's ability to work through our broken yet beloved systems to offer this transforming grace to the world. I will offer my best, and would consider it a great honor to be represented by my beloved Virginia Annual Conference."

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Name: Jessica Squires Colwell
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Preferred Phone (540) 717-2411
Email: JessieColwell@vaumc.org
Church: Flint Hill UMC
District: Charlottesville District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve at the global, national, conference, and district level. I currently serve on the BOOM, DCOM, and the Calling21 Committee. These experiences, practicing my own spiritual disciplines, and serving at a large, mid-size, and now three-point charge, have shaped me to further understand who God is calling us to be at this present moment. I believe that youth are our future and we are called to journey with them in their discernment. I believe we are called to work hand and hand with the laity who live out their faith so passionately. I believe we are called to care for those who are aging and serve them with dignity. Finally, above all else, I believe we are called to love God's people and extend the Table remembering that it is Christ who is the host.

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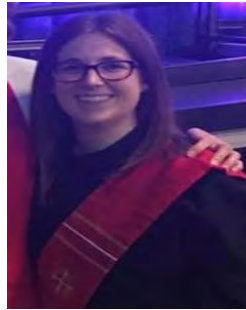
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Name: Amy L. Crisp
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Preferred Phone (804) 399-8008
Email: AmyCrisp@vaumc.org
Church: Mount Pisgah UMC
District: Richmond District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

As an ordained deacon, I am called to connect the church and the world. I have a heart for social justice ministries and am an advocate for those on the margins. My passion is ministry with young people and creating space for their voices to be heard and reflected in our church and world. I enjoy working with my local church, denomination, and larger community to put our faith into action, loving God and loving neighbors, as we seek to live into God's kingdom here and now.

My experience: Served 3 appointments (Alexandria and Richmond) as a Christian Educator; Randolph-Macon College Bailey Scholar Advisory Board member; Richmond District Committee on Ordained Ministry - 2 years; Richmond District Leadership Training Planning Committee - 2 years; Christian Education Fellowship - 9 years; Richmond Fellowship of Youth Leaders - 2 years; YMCA Faith Leaders Task Force - 2 years.

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Name: Scott E. Davis
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24521-2505 Preferred Phone (434) 363-1399
Email: lynchburgds@vaumc.org
Church: District Superintendent
District: Lynchburg District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

In "Praying the Psalms," Walter Bruggemann names a pattern found in the Psalms of: orientation, when everything makes sense; disorientation, a time of loss, pain, and confusion; and new orientation, when hope and life are restored. The United Methodist Church is in the midst of disorientation, a difficult yet promising time when we have the opportunity to discover the fresh movement of God's Spirit. In my work as a District Superintendent, I find it essential to prayerfully ask, over and over, what God wants, especially in situations where the next steps are not clear. I have also learned to never limit what God can do. I believe this orientation, along with what I have learned through 33 years of service as a college chaplain; a local church pastor in rural, suburban, and urban settings; and now as a DS, will be helpful in seeking God's next steps for us.

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Name: Nathan Alan Decker
Address: 106 Irving St Franklin, Virginia 23851-2712
Preferred Phone (804) 898-1258
Email: nathandecker@vaumc.org
Church: High Street UMC
District: James River District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

With a prayerful heart, I offer to serve and strive to promote Christ's grace, compassion, and community through love. We have difficult decisions ahead of us about vision, missions, finances, etc. requiring patient prayer, persistent discernment, and enduring commitment to more than our brand, internal power struggles, or local church, but to the Kingdom of God under Christ our Lord. Facing them head on with a spirit led by grace should be our way forward.

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Name: Joanna S. Dietz
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Preferred Phone (703) 346-8335
Email: joannadietz@vaumc.org
Church: Braddock Street UMC
District: Winchester District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I am a deacon serving as Minister of Mission and Service. In my work as a deacon, I am a bridge builder, who finds ways to bring the churches and the community together so all people are treated with justice and compassion. Inclusivity of all people as beloved children of God guides my ministry. I currently serve on DCoM for the Winchester District and on the Minutes Committee for Annual Conference. I have worked on the design team for several Clergy Convocations and the Worship Team for Annual Conference. I also serve on the Diaconate Steering Committee and on the Design Team for the SEJ Diaconate Event for 2019. Whether working in the church or in the community, finding ways of connecting people and uniting diverse gifts for the common good is critical to my ministry and those I serve.

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Name: Livingstone S. Dore
Address: 20539 Quarterpath Trace Cir Sterling, Virginia
20165-7568
Preferred Phone (804) 338-6067
Email: livingstonedore@vaumc.org
Church: Great Falls UMC
District: Arlington District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

• Serving as a Pastor in the UM Church for 25 years. • Served in PA Susquehanna Conference for ten years before transferring to the VA Conference. • Served churches in the Richmond and Arlington District. • Served on various Conference committees and Boards in my tenure some of which included Chair of the Conference Commission on Religion and Race in PA; Conference Board of Global Missions Ministries and currently serve on Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. • Currently serving as Secretary of the Northern VA Missions Board.

I want to give of myself in service to God and to the church that I love to help in its mission to truly make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. I believe that transformation can come to all regardless of gender, race, ethnicity and sexuality. I feel I can accomplish this by serving as a delegate at General Conference.

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Name: Daniel E. Elmore
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Preferred Phone (804) 898-1765
Email: danelmore@vaumc.org
Church: Trinity UMC (Isle of Wight)
District: York River District
Self Nomination? **No** Nominated by a clergy person who is eligible
to vote:
Janet Grissett



Personal Statement

I served as an alternate to Jurisdictional Conference in 2012. I'm still considered by some to be "young" clergy, while having 15 years of experience in ministry, yet many years of ministry ahead. I feel called to help guide the Church I love, in which I was baptized as an infant, confirmed as a youth, and called into ordained ministry to serve. I'm happy to have conversation if you want to know more.

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Name: J. Douglas Forrester
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Preferred Phone (804) 814-0543
Email: dougforrester@vaumc.org
Church: Reveille UMC
District: Richmond District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

An Elder, I have served the Virginia Conference in four pastoral appointments since 1997, and I have served congregations of all sizes.

From 2006-2016, I was a member of the Board of Ordained Ministry, and I have chaired the Practice of Ministry committee.

I was an inaugural host pastor in the Calling 21 program, serving for four years, and I have led this ministry for the Conference.

I was the leader of the team that created the Virginia Clergy Leadership Program.

For six years, I served on the faculty of the Virginia Conference Licensing School.

At Reveille, I have also done extensive work in racial reconciliation.

If elected, I will continue to work for a church that enables diverse people from varied backgrounds and experiences of God to come together as one to know the grace and redemption of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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Name: Rachel M. Gilmore
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Preferred Phone (757) 802-2282
Email: RachelGilmore@vaumc.org
Church: The Gathering at Scott Memorial UMC
District: Elizabeth River District
Self Nomination? **No** Nominated by a clergy person who is eligible
to vote:
Brandon Gilmore



Personal Statement

I have been a lead pastor and church planter for 10 years in Virginia Beach and have served for 2 years on the Church Development Team for the conference as well as the Bishop's Strategic Task force and the District Superintendency Committee. I have been a speaker at Methodist conferences in VA, PA, IL, and GA where I positively represented our conference. There has been a Methodist pastor actively preaching in my family every year since 1912 so my love of Wesleyan theology is in my blood and I am deeply committed to our past and our future.

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Name: F. Elizabeth Givens
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Preferred Phone (804) 402-1990
Email: bethgivens@vaumc.org
Church: Welborne UMC
District: Richmond District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I have hope for the UMC. I believe we are in a season of radical reshaping, and that Jesus is inviting us to fish in deep water (Luke 5:1-11). It is time to re-think the systems and structures which have served us well for many years, but may now weigh us down. I am a proven strategic leader and systems thinker, and thrive on thinking creatively about change management. I am a child of God, being daily reshaped to look more like Christ, and I am eager to partner with the Holy Spirit in the church's mission to make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world. I am committed to an inclusive, welcoming church.

My experience includes: 12 years on DCOM's; 9 years on BOOM, 2 as Conference Relations Chair, 3 as Clergy Effectiveness Chair; delegate to 1996, 2008, 2012 and 2016 SEJ; 4 appointments since 1995.

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Name: Victor R. Gomez
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Virginia 22801-9672
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Church: District Superintendent
District: Harrisonburg District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

First of all I want to serve at this capacity with a humble heart and an understanding heart and because I always seek ways to serve God wherever God sends me. I also believe that my experience and my background will bring a different perspective to the table where all God's children are welcomed. I am currently serving as a District Superintendent, which has already allowed me to see a different perspective. I love the United Methodist Church and I strongly believe that we can be a witness in the world and this opportunity would enhance to all of us in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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Name: Morgan Arthur Guyton
Address: 7734 Belfast St New Orleans, Louisiana 70125-3402
Preferred Phone (919) 491-0625
Email: MorganGuyton@vaumc.org
Church: Burke UMC
District: Alexandria District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I have been a pastor in the Virginia conference since 2010. I am currently serving as a campus minister on loan in Louisiana. I want to make sure that young adults and college students have a voice in the future of our Wesleyan movement. My theology is progressive evangelical, meaning that I value both biblical orthodoxy and inclusion. I have built relationships with relevant parties across the spectrum from WCA to RMN. I want for our future to be missionally pragmatic, whether we do a connectional conference plan, an amicable separation, or some miraculous way of staying together. I have nothing invested in the institution but I am invested in the Wesleyan movement.

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Name: Grace Sun-khil Han
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Preferred Phone (630) 936-8572
Email: gracehan@vaumc.org
Church: Trinity UMC (Alexandria)
District: Alexandria District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I am deeply committed to an inclusive and diverse future for the United Methodist Church. As the daughter of Korean Methodist missionaries to the Philippines, I have personally experienced the fruits of the global church. As an immigrant to the U.S., I know we are not being faithful to the work of Jesus Christ without our intentional effort to draw the circle wide. My hope for the UMC is that we can live out a vision of an open and inclusive church in the ministry of Jesus Christ. I am the Lead Pastor at Trinity UMC in Alexandria, VA and previously served as the Associate Pastor at St. Matthew's UMC. A graduate of Yale Divinity School, I was ordained in 2017. I am one of the co-chairs of the 5 Talent Academy; a Candidacy Mentor; and have served as the co-chair of the Alexandria Clergy Association.

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Name: Jeffrey Joseph Haugh
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Preferred Phone (804) 687-3938
Email: JeffHaugh@vaumc.org
Church: Vale UMC
District: Arlington District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I have served three churches in my 19 years of ministry in the Virginia Annual Conference. As a life-long Methodist, I love the church and wish to help it become stronger, transforming the world for the glory of God.

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Name: Ernest T. Herndon, Jr.
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Preferred Phone (540) 560-9572
Email: TommyHerndon@vaumc.org
Church: New Song UMC
District: Richmond District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

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Name: Donna C. Holder
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Preferred Phone (804) 399-9295
Email: donnaholder@vaumc.org
Church: Westover Hills UMC
District: Richmond District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

Ordained elder in 2004, I was first a long-term associate at a large suburban church and have been pastor of a small urban church for nine years. I served as DCOM Chair (7 years), then on BOM (6 years), first as chair of Vocational Discernment (candidacy), then chair of the Provisional Membership team. I completed the Virginia Clergy Leadership Program and am currently completing the two-year Launch and Lead program through the Missional Wisdom Foundation as well as a Master of Science in Leadership and Organizational Development with a certificate in Executive Coaching. I have led UMCOR ERT teams, served as mentor for seminary students, and am active in my community. My desire to serve is based in a love for the Church as the hope of the world, and a belief that the Spirit of God is transforming people, communities and the world through the people of the UMC.

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Name: Jung Pyo Hong
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Preferred Phone (703) 969-5600
Email: JPHong@vaumc.org
Church: Christ Crossman UMC
District: Arlington District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

The third son of a third son, my parents would have loved a daughter. Still, they doted on me, while making sure I did my chores and kept up at school. They had this notion life gave hardships and blessings, and it was faith and gratitude that saw you through. And so I've kept faith & gratitude close over the years. My faith is simple. Love God. Love others. Do both as well as you can. But it is no longer simplistic. There are times when faith in God means a strong "yes" or "no". But life has taught me there's a reason for eternity, and it has to do with just how infantile I still will be when I depart this life for the next. There's so many wonderful, painful, and even contrary knowings and experiences to grow into. And I appreciate those who can told contrariness in loving

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Name: Thomas G. James
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Preferred Phone (770) 313-7128
Email: thomasjames@vaumc.org
Church: Washington Street UMC
District: Alexandria District
Self Nomination? **No** Nominated by a clergy person who is eligible
to vote:
Tim Tate



Personal Statement

I serve as a young clergy in the conference. Moving from North Georgia, I came to Virginia to attend Ferrum College and Wesley Theological Seminary. I currently serve at Washington Street UMC in Alexandria. In the past 15 years, I have served in youth ministry, campus ministry, worship leadership, and mission ministry in both small and large churches. I also served on staff at the Lewis Center for Church Leadership. I have served on the Conference Board of Communications, and helped lead Conference Ethics trainings. I currently serve on the Alexandria District Finance Committee. I care deeply for our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ, and believe our Discipline is right, that the local church is the most effective place for this to happen. I believe the purpose of General Conference is to maintain this focus, working to empower our local churches to fulfill our mission.

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Name: Brian William Johnson
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20169-2730
Preferred Phone (703) 577-3207
Email: BrianJohnson@vaumc.org
Church: Haymarket Church, A Campus of St. Thomas UMC
District: Alexandria District
Self Nomination? **No** Nominated by a clergy person who is eligible
to vote:
Jonathan Page



Personal Statement

I love the United Methodist Church. I value our denomination's history and am passionate about helping us embrace the future. I believe that the general church should serve the local church, and that the decisions made at General Conference should be focused on strengthening local churches and equipping our churches to make disciples more effectively. I long for our church to be inclusive, evangelical, faithful, and missionally flexible. I am a young clergy person who has served in a variety of settings (large suburban churches, rural churches, and new church starts). If elected as a delegate, I would be honored to serve on behalf of the people of the Virginia Conference.

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Name: Darcey G. Johnson
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Preferred Phone (804) 551-0293
Email: DarceyJohnson@vaumc.org
Church: River Road UMC
District: Richmond District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I am passionate about ministries that transforms lives and systems in the name of Jesus Christ. I have a sense of the larger connection and global nature of the church having served in the British Methodist Church (three years) and in Idaho (five years). These ministry experiences help me to understand our connectional polity and empowers me to work for changes that would better allow for contextualized ministry. I have served on the Board of Ordained Ministry since 2013 and currently serve as one of the three Vice Chairs. I also have served on the Clergy Effectiveness Committee, Conference Relations Committee, and currently as the Personnel Chair for the BOM Advisory Committee to the Center for Clergy Excellence. My focus is providing leadership that empowers the local church to make disciples for Jesus Christ and to transform the world to operate more like the kingdom of God.

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Name: Robert Bruce Johnson
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Preferred Phone (434) 610-1115
Email: BruceJohnson@vaumc.org
Church: Urbanna UMC
District: York River District
Self Nomination? **No** Nominated by a clergy person who is eligible
to vote:
Seonyoung Kim



Personal Statement

280 years ago the Holy Spirit began a new work of church renewal and evangelistic mission through the Methodists. In Wesley's words, it was a revival of Scriptural Christianity for a new day. Serving among a diverse body of United Methodists, I have devoted myself for 23 years as a disciple, pastor, district and Virginia conference servant, and 2016 SE Jurisdictional delegate, to promoting the "doctrine, discipline, and spirit" of our Wesleyan heritage as a still vital instrument of God to renew the church and transform the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. If elected to serve as a 2020 General Conference delegate, I will strive to help the UMC apply the "grace and truth" of God embodied in Christ (John 1:14) and witnessed powerfully among the Methodists, to our present challenges of renewing the church and reaching our post-Christian culture with the gospel.

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Name: Alexander B. Joyner
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District: Eastern Shore District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

A revitalized and reforming UMC will need to evaluate and prune its entire structure in light of its mission. I value and affirm our striving for diversity. I also believe that the UMC should only continue if it is a flame of renewal within the larger body of Christ. Honestly, my experience for 30 years as a pastor, campus minister, district superintendent, Course of Study teacher, and writer may not be all that helpful for what comes next. A new day requires new forms. But those 30 years have also given me a discipline for paying attention to dreams and bringing them to voice. I want to help the UMC dream with God into its future.

—currently Eastern Shore District Superintendent

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Church: Raleigh Court UMC
District: Roanoke District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I served the past two General Conferences as a translator, where I was able to contribute and observe the General Church. The unique role of a translator enabled me to learn firsthand the structure of the meeting so that I could best assist the listeners in following the meeting. Its requirement to objectively perform my duties also enabled me to develop a unique view of the decision-making process. With this rich experience, I am led to serve the Virginia Annual Conference as a delegate—objectively representing all voices and selflessly contributing to making decisions as a body of Christ. That's what both delegates and translators do—speak the language of people. I am currently serving as a member of the Common Table of the Roanoke District, member of Commission on Ethnic Minority Concerns and Advocacy, and the office of Next Gen. Leadership team of the Virginia Annual Conference.

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Email: sarakeeling@vaumc.org
Church: Good Shepherd UMC
District: Alexandria District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I am a cradle United Methodist who has attended Annual Conference off and on since I was 3 months old. In 11 years of appointed ministry, I have served as an associate at Washington Street in Alexandria, as a circuit rider on the 3-point charge in Rappahannock County, and currently as lead pastor of Good Shepherd in Dale City. As a member of our Conference Ethics Committee, I lead our Sexual Ethics Response Team. I am deeply committed to a full, inclusive understanding and appreciation of healthy expressions of sexuality that God has gifted to us. I appreciate the drastic ways that we are divided by scriptural interpretation and understanding of sin and salvation.

In this critical time, I pray that we follow the lead of the Holy Spirit and make room for all of God's children or create "a new thing" with connection and integrity.

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Church: Kenwood UMC
District: Richmond District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

It is my first hope to serve as a representative and delegate of Christ, embodying his commandment to "love God, love neighbor as self." Secondly, as a life-long Virginian whose experience in the Korean immigrant UMC, cross-cultural appointments, traditional, centrist, and progressive groups that shape my faith and spirituality, I hope to serve from a perspective that highlights the unity in diversity that truly exemplifies the make-up of the Virginia Annual Conference. Moreover, as one recently ordained and relatively young, I bring to the General Conference an attitude that resists cynicism, inclined to hope, and impassioned by the GC process that is legislative in practice but holy conversational in spirit. What I lack in official legislative experience, I believe I make up in the ability to learn and listen quickly. However, in terms of experience, I have served on various conference level boards and assisted past delegates in their DCA

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Church: District Superintendent
District: York River District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I served local churches as pastor for 15 years in the Virginia Conference and have been serving on the Bishop's Cabinet as district superintendent since 2014. At the conference level, I served on the Board of Ordained Ministry, the Board of Discipleship, and the Commission on Ethnic Minority Concerns. I had the privilege to serve as a delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference in 2016 and the first reserve delegate to the General Conference in 2016 and 2019.

I have a strong sense of call to participate in the decision-making process of The United Methodist Church. My twenty years of pastoral ministry has convinced me that The UMC is called to be God's instrument for the redemption of the world. I will be honored to serve the cause.

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Church: Bethany UMC
District: Winchester District
Self Nomination? **No** Nominated by a clergy person who is eligible
to vote:
Paul Beighley



Personal Statement

Over the last ten years I have served different organizations writing by-laws about what it is that an organization believes and how it ought to be structured to fulfill its values. I have done this kind of work in my undergraduate studies at George Mason University for the Social Work Student Association, again at Eastern Mennonite Seminary for the Student Council, and for my local fire department and county wide system of developing a chaplaincy program. Most recently, I have been serving the Virginia Conference for the last five years on the Rules Committee, two of which I have chaired the committee. I have a love for the United Methodist Church and most importantly a love for Christ and the Kingdom of God. I believe, with God's help, I have been called to this task of serving our Church at General/Jurisdictional Conference 2020 and am willing to serve.

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District: Alexandria District
Self Nomination? **No** Nominated by a clergy person who is eligible to vote:
Mochel Morris



Personal Statement

I am honored to be considered for this nomination. For the past ten years, I have served in four cross racial/cultural appointments as an associate and as a lead pastor. Additionally, I served on the Arlington District's DCoM and am currently a member of the Commission on Ethnic Minority Concerns and Advocacy. In the last year, I have enjoyed participating as a small group leader for the VA Candidacy Summit, helping candidates discern the next faithful step in their candidacy journey. I have completed two leadership development cohorts--The Lewis Fellows Program and the Virginia Conference Leadership Program. My Strengthsfinder and Enneagram Personality inventories indicate my natural inclination leans towards building bridges and peacemaking. As someone whose worldview has been shaped by the African and North American continents, I believe my strengths, experiences, and perspectives will benefit our delegation during this critical time in our denomination.

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Church: Sudley UMC
District: Alexandria District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

Since 1996 as a licensed local pastor and elder, I have served both small and large churches. This has taught me to appreciate the needs of people in local churches and the communities. Serving on different boards and agencies (2000 GBHEM Youth Forum designing team, DCom, BOM, Bishop's Convocation on Race and Reconciliation, CEMCA, and the president of the Asian American Ministers' Association) has helped me see the immense potential and slippery pitfalls of the connection and its policy. While serving local churches, I taught biblical studies at two universities, applying my graduate training (Ph.D. in N.T.) and learning how to listen to both the committed and the skeptical. Thus, I would like to offer myself to listen and speak for the real needs of the local churches and clergy from a biblical, reasoned, and experiential perspective. In doing so, I will seek for discernment to be clearly God-honoring and

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Church: Hinton Avenue UMC
District: Charlottesville District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I offer myself to the service of the church in light of the exclusionary and punitive stance taken by our 2019 General Conference. I was raised in a UMC that stood with the least of these, committed itself to social justice, and understood the grace of Jesus Christ to be the determining characteristic of all our lives. I have been an ally and advocate to change our Disciplinary stance on homosexuality my entire ministry. I have shared the love of Jesus for 21 years, in VA as pastor and in the British Methodist Church as Circuit Superintendent. In Charlottesville I have lifted my voice and put my body on the line to oppose the white supremacy that targeted not only people of color, but also LGBTQIA folk. I am equally determined to fight for the full expression of the love of Jesus to shine through our UMC once again.

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Preferred Phone (567) 204-1110
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Church: Gum Spring UMC
District: Richmond District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I am seeking to be part of the delegation because I believe we need the voices of young people in our delegation. As a Millennial and the mother of a young child, I am deeply invested in making our polity sustainable so that we can “make disciples for the transformation of the world” for generations to come. I believe we must be more innovative and more inclusive if we are to accomplish that goal. My call is to serve local communities while connecting ministry in our context with the larger narrative of the global church. I will work, pray, and vote with that long-term, global, missional view in mind. While still a young adult, I have ten years of appointed ministry experience serving two local churches. I have chaired the DCOM and the Annual Conference Worship Planning Team, and served on the Mid-Size Church Lead Pastor Planning Team.

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Email: sarahlocke@vaumc.org
Church: Christ UMC
District: Staunton District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I am offering myself to the Virginia Conference to serve in this capacity because I believe in the power of Christ through the church. I have served in the Shenandoah Valley for the whole of my ministry and because of my experience see the desperate need for those of differing backgrounds, traditions, identities, and to come together for the sake of the Kingdom. I have served our DCOM and more recently the BoOM, along with the Staunton District Board of Missions and the 5 Talent Academy. I served as a conference intern under the leadership of Rev. Denise Honeycutt. I have a passion for connecting the local church to its community in mission. I have hope that in the cross we may be find healing in the One body of Christ. I believe that I bring a unique viewpoint to the table and would love the opportunity to serve.

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Church: Good Shepherd UMC
District: Richmond District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

As an ordained deacon, my calling is to build bridges between the church and the world. I am passionate about justice and compassion for everyone. I partner with others to build the Kingdom of God through loving and serving our communities, locally, nationally and internationally. My deep desire is to offer sacred space so that we can meet God in our differences and I do this by encouraging us to listen to one another. I initially learned of the necessity of this through 16 years in public health policy, political campaigns and non-profit program development.

My experience: Served 1 appt – 8 yrs.; Order of Deacon Steering committee – 5 yrs; Christian Education Fellowship (local, Conference and national) – 14 yrs; Provisional Team – 1 yr; Candidate Mentor – 3 yrs.; Kindred Project – 6 yrs.; Lobbyist American Heart Assoc. – 5 yrs.; Strategist and Fundraiser for State Atty General – 5 yrs.

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District: Lynchburg District
Self Nomination? **No** Nominated by a clergy person who is eligible
to vote:
Gordon Pruitt



Personal Statement

Nominated by Gordon Pruitt

My willingness to serve at the general/jurisdictional conference comes from my desire to renew and revitalize our denomination in the same way many of us have led a turnaround in local churches.

My leadership experience includes:

- Led revitalization at 2 churches • Board of Ordained Ministry • 5 Talent Academy, co-chair • Reynolds Program in Church Leadership • Wesley Seminary Lewis Fellow • Eastern Mennonite Seminary, course assistant • Friends of Barnabas, chaplain & team leader • Provisional Clergy mentor • My kids think I'm awesome



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Church: Boulevard UMC
District: Richmond District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I would be honored to serve again on the Virginia delegation, where I've found our conference to be an example of graciousness and a model for how the church moves forward. As a former attorney, and with GC legislative experience in 2012, 2016 and 2019, I'm eager to offer my gifts to try to help our connection move forward. In my years with Clergy Excellence, I've been able to see both the blessings and the limitations of our system, and I feel well-positioned to keep moving us 'on to perfection' with the Spirit's guidance. I am equipped and prepared with the spiritual and physical stamina to serve, and I feel called to keep working for our beloved conference and connection.

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Church: Cokesbury UMC
District: Alexandria District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I am an ordained elder serving at Cokesbury UMC, in Woodbridge VA. I am 31 years old and am part of the Crackers & Grape Juice podcast team. I fundamentally believe the UMC is in need of new voices and, God willing, I will do what I can to help our church become the church God is calling us to be.

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Church: District Superintendent
District: Alexandria District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I love the UMC and will work to restore its "big tent" identity. Changes in our world-wide governance structure need to be explored. I have pastored growing churches in small-town, suburban, and urban settings; chaired B00M; served on VUMPI and CFA. I have served churches as they became racially diversified and missionally engaged. As DS, we have started numerous new churches; experimented with new forms like house-church networks and online campuses; developed new strategies to improve our missional impact like Next Level Innovations and (this fall) Neighborhood Seminary. My desire is to focus our church on our primary disciple-making/world-transforming mission and to find effective ways in our changing mission field, sharing the life-saving love of Jesus with all people. I am Wesleyan centrist, believing that the UMC has an important role in offering free grace for all people and blessings our communities through life-giving ministries.

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Church: Centreville UMC
District: Arlington District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

• Served as an elder for over 20 years. • Currently serving Centreville. • Served on the Board of Ordained Ministry and chaired the Provisional Process Team for two terms. • Leading a church through Next Level Innovations. • Moderate who is often not the first to speak, but feels compelled to give voice to the concerns facing our denomination. • Known to listen well to people representing various points of view while offering a calm steady presence. • Too young to retire, too old to want to leave and has grown tired of the way things have been; therefore, would like to see the church move from being stuck on divisive issues to thriving in making disciples of Jesus Christ.

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Church: District Superintendent
District: Richmond District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I have been a pastor in the Virginia Conference for thirty years, including seasons at small, medium, and large sized churches. I currently serve as the District Superintendent of the Richmond District. Throughout these decades, I have led and participated in multiple Boards, agencies, and task forces, including the Five Talent Academy and the Board of Ordained Ministry. I have been a delegate at General and Jurisdictional Conference since 2004, serving on the Faith and Order legislative committee. Throughout my ministry, including my doctoral work at Wesley Seminary, I have focused on the theme of church renewal. I am a firm believer in the power of the local church. I also believe that in the person of Jesus Christ, there is no place where there is no hope and cling to our Wesleyan understanding of the gospel as our way forward. If we keep our hearts and minds focused on these places, our steps will become firm and our future path will arise out of the current mist.

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Email: KirkNave@vaumc.org
Church: Braddock Street UMC
District: Winchester District
Self Nomination? **No** Nominated by a clergy person who is eligible
to vote:
Steven Summers



Personal Statement

I have served in the Virginia Conference for over 30 years. My heart is for Jesus Christ and my passion is to grow United Methodist faith communities numerically and spiritually. I consider myself to be a progressive compatibilist. I have been a delegate to Jurisdictional Conference three times and to General Conference once. I have experience in submitting legislation to General Conference. I have served small, mid-size, and large churches. I have lived in 14 different communities in the Commonwealth. I have received the Virginia Conference Excellence in Town and Country Ministry Award. I have served as Chair of the Division of Evangelism of the (then) Conference Council on Ministries, on the Conference Church Development Team, and have been nominated to serve on the Conference Council on Finance and Administration in 2019. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to serve the Virginia Annual Conference as a delegate to Jurisdictional or

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Name: Gretchen Olivia Simpson Nelson
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Email: GretchenNelson@vaumc.org
Church: Wesley UMC
District: York River District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

Serving 22 years in Virginia parish ministry has sharpened my focus with community engagement, relational evangelism, social holiness, and spiritual formation. Wesleyan expressions of holiness, grace, and connectionalism are strengths of our heritage that encourage the way I follow Jesus.

Participation in Conference leadership with the Board of Pensions, Board of Church and Society, and Commission on the Status and Role of Women has developed connectional relationships with clergy and laity of all walks of life and deeper engagement in the ministry of the church.

Participation with District leadership allows me to grow with clergy and laity through teaching, prayer, discernment, and missional service.

Ongoing study and application of Bowen Family Systems Theory in interpersonal relationships, church leadership, and the process of community systems (including our denomination) is a strength I bring to the delegation.

I want to be a part of what new expressions God is doing among us.

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Name: Mark V. Ogren
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Preferred Phone (804) 310-6129
Email: markogren@vaumc.org
Church: Duncan Memorial UMC (Ashland)
District: Richmond District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

Dear Friends, I believe that the future of our United Methodist Church will be determined by our willingness to reach unchurched people and by our willingness to be a fully inclusive church. The Fresh Expressions Initiative for 2019 will offer a way for our existing church members to create "fresh expressions" of church that will reach unchurched people. Including our LGBTQ sisters and brothers in our church at all levels of leadership and participation is very necessary for a vital and fruitful future. I believe that my experience as a pastor, as a DS, as the Director of Congregational Development and recently as a delegate to GC 2016 and 2019 will serve me well in representing Virginia at General Conference 2020. Blessings, Mark Ogren

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Name: James G. O'Quinn
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22407-8625
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Email: JimOQuinn@vaumc.org
Church: Tabernacle UMC
District: Rappahannock River District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

VAUMC has elected fantastic speakers and faithful visionaries to General and Jurisdictional Conference for many a quadrennium. Seldom have we included persons who know how to implement strategies. As we approach GC2020, we must confront divisions and face issues that will be with us in 2024 and beyond. In thinking about our delegation, it became clear my unique skill set could be useful. I am well trained and quite experienced in conflict intervention, conflict transformation, and justice-making. As a former extension minister appointed to a specialized counseling practice, I helped abusers change and stay changed. As a pastor for over 25 years, I worked with congregations and clergy to help end their patterns of conflict and recover from traumatic situations. If I can work with criminals, narcissists, and psychopaths, I can work with United Methodists meeting in Holy Conferencing.

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Name: Joshua Randall Orndorff
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Preferred Phone (540) 308-5920
Email: JoshOrndorff@vaumc.org
Church: Riverton UMC
District: Winchester District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

If it is the will of God and the Virginia Conference, I would willing serve as a delegate to General Conference 2020. With the issues that we face as a church, my hope is to continue to see people as people and not as problems to be solved. I have grown up in the church as a pastor's kid, and I am answering my own call to ministry as I became an elder in June 2017. I have served in extension ministry as the chaplain at Randolph-Macon Academy since 2014. I have also served on the Campus Ministry team under Paulo Lopes for the past three years. My passion for ministry is to help the church focus on empowering young people to become "lifelong learners" rather than leaving the church during their young adulthood. Youth group and campus ministry should prepare young people to lead in the local church.

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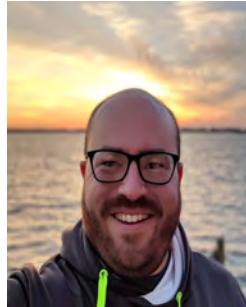
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Name: Jonathan Page
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Preferred Phone (757) 748-4785
Email: jonathanpage@vaumc.org
Church: Herndon UMC
District: Arlington District
Self Nomination? **No** Nominated by a clergy person who is eligible
to vote:
Matthew Benton



Personal Statement

A part of my call to ministry has always been service to the greater United Methodist Church. Recently I've served that call through being a board member for United Methodist Communications, co-chairing Five Talent Academy, serving on the Personnel Team of the Common Table for Church Vitality, and many other conference and district roles. I've reviewed and summarized legislation for delegates to the last three General Conferences and have attended the last two. I've served on the Elizabeth River, Roanoke, and Arlington districts in a variety of different ecclesial settings. I'll be 34 at the time of the 2020 General Conference and believe I bring both experience of what "has been" alongside a vision for what "will be" in the life of the United Methodist Church. I would be honored to serve as a delegate from the Virginia Annual Conference to the 2020 General Conference.

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Name: Douglas B Paysour
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Preferred Phone (540) 312-8858
Email: DougPaysour@vaumc.org
Church: Windsor Hills UMC
District: Roanoke
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I have served since 1984 as a pastor-in-charge in seven appointments. My experience beyond the local church includes chairperson of the Board of Communications and the Staunton District Committee on Ministry and as a member of the Board of Ordained Ministry and a writer for FaithLink, a curriculum piece of the United Methodist Publishing House. As you can see, I am fully invested in the United Methodist Church. As a delegate to the General Conference, my goal would be to help make wise decisions that will help us grow and thrive. I do not believe that the decision made at the 2019 General Conference was a wise one. Therefore, I would be unabashedly in favor of making a better decision that will enable us to move forward into the future with grace, accepting our LGBTQ sisters and brothers into fuller participation in the life of the church.

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Name: Paul L. Phillips
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Preferred Phone (804) 694-6678
Email: souldoc1@verizon.net
Church: Norview UMC
District: Elizabeth River District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

The Association of Retired Ministers and Spouses voted at its September meeting to submit the president as a nomination to General Conference to represent the retired clergy and their spouses. I have agreed to be that representative if elected. The ARMS Board and others believe that we should have representation to be able to speak to and speak for those things that directly effect our members. I have submitted this nomination at their recommendation.

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Name: Gordon Keith Pruitt
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Preferred Phone (804) 370-2981
Email: GordonPruitt@vaumc.org
Church: Timberlake UMC
District: Lynchburg District
Self Nomination? **No** Nominated by a clergy person who is eligible
to vote:
Brad McMullen



Personal Statement

I love the United Methodist Church. I grew up in the UMC, went to Virginia Wesleyan, then to Wesley Seminary, and for awhile lived on Wesley Pond Ct. We even named one of our daughters Wesley because of our love for the UMC. It is because of my love for the UMC that I desire to serve as a delegate and represent the Virginia Conference. The Book of Discipline states, "the local church provides the most significant arena through which disciple-making occurs." I bring the viewpoint and experience as someone who has served in small, midsize and large churches.

I currently serve as the Lead Pastor at Woodlake UMC in Chesterfield, and also serve on the Flve Talent Academy, the Church Development Team, and the Richmond Board of Missions.

I would be honored to serve.

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Name: David A. Rash
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Preferred Phone (540) 335-5175
Email: davidrash809@gmail.com
Church: Calvary UMC (Stuarts Drafts)
District: Staunton District
Self Nomination? **No** Nominated by a clergy person who is eligible
to vote:
Robert Bruce Johnson



Personal Statement

I give thanks to God for the grace of Jesus Christ and the establishment of the church. It is my desire for Christ's Holy Church to be effective and efficient in carrying out the mission to make disciples. I am retired Elder (1987) and am engaged in a ministry of stewardship, helping churches to grow faithful and generous stewards. Over the past several years I have served on both the district committee and conference Board of Ordained Ministry. It has been my privilege to resurrect the Goodson Academy of Preaching (2015) and to make this vital task a focus for our preachers as we bring in excellent teachers and homiletics to give encouragement. In 2015 I was elected as an alternate delegate. If elected in 2019 I will strive to support the stated mission of our church, and not follow the politics of the left nor the right.

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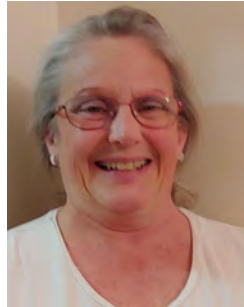
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Name: Linda Driver Ray
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Preferred Phone (540) 207-1787
Email: LindaRay@vaumc.org
Church: Chamberlayne Heights UMC
District: Richmond District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I have been actively appointed in the United Methodist Church as a ministry specialist, a local-church pastor, or an extension minister since 1985. I have had the pleasure to serve in three annual conferences and have learned greatly from each experience. I have also served on district, annual conference and jurisdictional groups especially in the areas of Worship, Christian Education, Mission, and the shaping of ministerial credentials. I believe that I maintain a good balance between valuing and honoring the past and imagining and acting on new beginnings. I have the energy, stamina, networking skills and technical skills to be a useful and productive delegate. I am aware of the commitment level required of a delegate and am at a time in both my personal and professional life when this commitment is possible. I would be honored to serve the Virginia Annual Conference in this way at this particular time

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Name: Michael B. Reaves
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22485-6701
Preferred Phone (757) 653-8537
Email: michaelreaves@vaumc.org
Church: Fletchers Chapel UMC
District: Rappahannock River District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I have pastored small churches for twenty years in the Virginia Conference. I currently serve on the Rappahannock River District Trustees, the AC Planning Committee, the Executive Board of Directors for the Thurman Brisben Center and the chair of the RR DCOM since 2014. Clergy serving smaller congregations need their voices heard. I do not belong to any caucus or special interest group. Opposing concerns about scriptural authority and our ministry to the LGBTQTI community are obvious but grace is needed. Is the ultimate desire by those with control to burn the house down? I hope not. Robert's Rules of Order will not save us. Lawyers and special interest groups will not save us, but they can legislate much of the UMC out of existence. Let us keep our traditions as we move into the future but also avoid the win-at-all-costs legalism which threatens the movement of the Holy Spirit.

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Preferred Phone (757) 653-7830
Email: SusanReaves@vaumc.org
Church: Trinity UMC
District: Rappahannock River District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I want to be a part of General Conference 2020. I love my denomination. I grew up outside the Christian faith, but started attending church in my late twenties. When I heard the term prevenient grace, it was a turning point in my life. Scripture along with the works of John Wesley present a more excellent way to live and serve. I have served as the Annual Conference Secretary for five years. I am well versed in Methodist history and polity and have practical experience interpreting the Discipline.

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Email: BrandonRobbins@vaumc.org
Church: Lynnhaven UMC
District: Elizabeth River District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I'm not sure I'm worthy of being elected to General Conference.
In Elementary School, I remember the most stressful part of the day was the lunch line.
That's because where you landed in the lunch line determined whether there was a spot
for you at the table of the most accepted kids. If you didn't get to the table, you were an
outsider.

I might slightly understand being an outsider at lunch, but I've no idea what it feels like to
be an outsider in church.

Today, many feel like they're unwelcome at our Lord's Table, and by extension, the
United Methodist Church. What happens at GC will determine how an entire generation
sees our church, and perhaps even Jesus.

I'm not sure I'm worthy to represent those on the outside in making such critical decisions.
But if my gifts and experiences can be useful, I feel called to serve.

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Email: NancyRobinson@vaumc.org
Church: Lakeside UMC
District: Richmond District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

Global Ministries missionary, currently SEJ mission interpreter assigned to work with fifteen annual conferences connecting local churches, districts and conferences to mission of church. Born and raised as child to Methodist missionaries, S. Rhodesia, sixteen years; valuing all people and cultures. Deacon in full connection VA Conference; served Virginia churches in discipleship, evangelism and strategic leadership. Two years chaplain resident VCU; MA in patient counseling. GBGM missionary Sierra Leone; worked with conference staff to build bridges of understanding cross-culturally; taught pastors and evangelists; supported women's and children's ministries; Participated in prison ministry – advocating for youth on trial. Kairos ministry in US. Passion for role of church worldwide with different (often conflicting) theological perspectives, cultures and backgrounds, celebrating oneness in Christ reaching out to the world in love.

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Church: Lower UMC (Hartfield)
District: York River District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I have served as a Virginia delegate at the 2008 and 2016 General Conference and as an alternate for 2012. I have also participated as a member of the Commission on the General Conference for 8 years. As a member of the visioning committee, I suggested new initiatives and actively participated in the decisions made by the Commission. I was present when the Commission met with representatives of the different groups related to the LGBTQ legislation and participated in the conversation. All of this enabled me to learn a lot about the work of General Conference. As a delegate for 2020, I would be able to share my knowledge with the rest of the delegation.

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Name: Brian Siegle
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Preferred Phone (804) 854-6520
Email: briansiegle@vaumc.org
Church: South Hill UMC
District: Farmville
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I am a lifelong United Methodist. I have served as clergy in Virginia since 2002, and have served in various locations around Virginia. I have been active in several district and conference capacities, including District Leadership team chairperson, District DCOM member, Conference Board of Communications Vice President, and Annual Conference Platform Chairperson. I attended the 2019 Called General Conference as an observer, and would be honored to officially represent Virginia in 2020 as we navigate the future, together.

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Name: Jeffrey B. Smith
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Preferred Phone (540) 903-0408
Email: JeffreySmith@vaumc.org
Church: Mount Horeb UMC (Orange)
District: Charlottesville District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I have been in the United Methodist Church all my life. I served as an Elder for 16 years before retiring and have served the West Louisa Charge in retirement for the last two years. I serve on the Conference Board of Discipleship and as a Charlottesville District Trustee as well as a member of the Building and Locations Committee. I Believe I have a well rounded understanding of church polity. I would like to serve so that I might have the opportunity to be apart of helping the church develop the rules which we live by.

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Name: Matthew G. Smith
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Preferred Phone (540) 604-6070
Email: matthewsmith@vaumc.org
Church: Calvary UMC
District: Arlington District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

For nearly 20 years, I have served multi-point rural charges to large-staff urban churches. I've been a successful church planter and currently serve as the senior pastor of Calvary UMC in diverse, and sometimes divided, Arlington. I have a passion for social justice and evangelism, value diversity and inclusivity, and strive for effectiveness in ministry. I believe in making difficult decisions necessary to help the church succeed in making and growing disciples of Jesus Christ.

My history of working at the conference level with new clergy has affirmed my hope in the future of our changing church. I am in my third quadrennium on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, serving as a chair of theology, on the Conference Relations team, and formerly as chair of Retirements.

I would be honored to put my experience and deep faith towards serving the VAUMC as a clergy delegate to General Conference 2020.

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Name: Theodore Smith
Address: PO Box 100 Ladysmith, Virginia 22501-0100
Preferred Phone (540) 419-5131
Email: RRDS@vaumc.org
Church: District Superintendent
District: Rappahannock River District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

It is my desire to faithfully and responsibly represent the Virginia Conference as a delegate. As a delegate, I engage the delegate responsibilities believing it is a spiritual responsibility requiring prayer, listening, discernment, and consultation with a broad variety of Virginia United Methodist. If the clergy of the Virginia conference chose to elect me as a delegate, this is how I will engage the matters before the 2020 General Conference.

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Name: Jason W. Snow
Address: 6200 Burke Centre Pkwy Burke, Virginia 22015-3019
Preferred Phone (703) 200-6139
Email: JasonSnow@vaumc.org
Church: Burke UMC
District: Alexandria District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I have served in pastoral ministry for 13 years and have helped bring vitality and health to the congregations I have served. I have a Doctorate in Church Leadership Excellence and have continued to make lifelong learning a priority in ministry. I seek to serve the larger church as a General Conference Delegate because I feel that I approach the General Conference with an openness to varying viewpoints, a steadiness to hear and tackle tough decisions and the grace to engage in conversation in ways that bring healing rather than divisiveness. We are at an important time in the life of the church, and I desire to do my best to answer God's call on my life through offering myself for service to the larger church.

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Name: J. Adam Sowder
Address: 3409 Gayton Meadows Ter Henrico, Virginia
23233-6649
Preferred Phone (571) 233-6119
Email: adamsowder@vaumc.org
Church: Discovery UMC
District: Richmond District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I believe in the United Methodist connection and have a great desire to serve it in new ways. My greatest spiritual gift is compassion and top strength is as a strategic thinker. In May of 2019 I will have received my Doctor of Ministry degree with a focus on Transformative Leadership in Wesleyan Perspective. The final project is about preaching strategies to help congregations grow in Wesleyan connection and identity in spiritual, numerical, and financial ways. This has been exemplified in the growth of Discovery UMC in Richmond. I have served churches from a rural charge to partnering with colleagues in a large congregation. I have been blessed to mentor candidates, licensed local pastors, and provisional members. My various other district and conference work includes leading district training days, helping to lead steering committees, and serving as a district prayer leader. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Jason C. Stanley
Address: 1428 Huntington Cres Norfolk, Virginia 23509-1215
Preferred Phone (804) 921-1171
Email: jasonstanley@vaumc.org
Church: First UMC (Norfolk)
District: Elizabeth River District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I am an ordained deacon currently serving as the Coordinator for Church Revitalization for the Elizabeth River District. As the chair of the Order of Deacons in the Virginia Conference, I serve on the Board of Ordained Ministry and on its Executive Committee. I attended the 2016 SEJ Conference as a delegate and the 2019 called General Conference as a reserve delegate. For the 2016 General Conference, on behalf of the Virginia Order of Deacons, I drafted a petition regarding the ministry of the deacon, and organized support from other Orders which, after amended in legislative committee, was passed. In various ministry settings I have been a bridge between those with differing views so that common ground can be found. I believe that our structure of church needs to adapt to a changing, global world to further enhance and empower the local church to make disciples.

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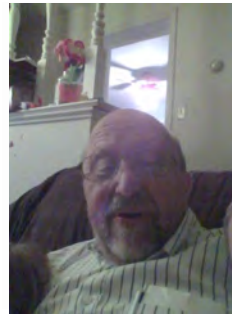
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Name: Carl O. Stewart
Address: 175 Farren Lane Broadway, Virginia 22815
Preferred Phone (540) 280-9683
Email: carlstewart@shentel.net
Church: Manor Memorial UMC
District: Harrisonburg District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

Thank you for the opportunity to place my name in Nomination for membership in the 2020 General Conference. My guidelines will be the scriptures and the Book of Discipline as I consider what comes before us. May God continue to bless all of us who are United Methodist believers.

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Name: Laura Anne Stratton
Address: 4 Elm Tree Ln Luray, Virginia 22835-1270
Preferred Phone (540) 742-8148
Email: LauraStratton@vaumc.org
Church: Page UMC
District: Harrisonburg District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I have served as a pastor for six years, and I love our church. At its best, I think the UMC embodies the kingdom of God as we serve those in need and proclaim the good news of Jesus. However, I also know that our church has room for improvement. The church is on a journey of sanctification, just as we are in our individual discipleship.

We as a church face a lot of challenges as we seek to make disciples and serve a world that is increasingly ambivalent towards organized religion. But after participating in the Virginia Clergy Leadership Program last year, I have ideas for how we can adjust to meet our changing missional needs. I would like the opportunity to affect change for our church on an institutional level.

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Name: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Summers
Address: 113 Bentpath Ct Winchester, Virginia 22602-7040
Preferred Phone (804) 822-2824
Email: winchesterds@vaumc.org
Church: District Superintendent
District: Winchester District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I seek to serve as a Delegate because I love God and Christ's Church. I passionately seek to be a transformative leader for the health and future vitality of our precious UMC. I covenant to be spiritually faithful, Scripturally grounded, and dedicated in service as your Delegate. Currently I am the Superintendent of the Winchester District. Additionally, I serve as a Board member of Randolph Macon Academy and Shenandoah University, and I am on the Pell Foundation. I have served as the pastor of small, medium, and large churches on four districts. Within the Connection, I have led as the President and VP of CFA, the Chair of the Mid-Size Church Leadership Team, and the Chair of the Roanoke District Clergy as well as service in other ministry or teaching areas. I have a D.Min. from Drew in Global Leadership in 21st Century and I am a lifelong learner. THANKS!

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Name: Ann On-Lin Tang
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Preferred Phone (703) 626-4496
Email: annonlintang@vaumc.org
Church: Salem and Olive Branch UM Charge
District: York River District
Self Nomination? **No** Nominated by a clergy person who is eligible
to vote:
Edward Hopkins



Personal Statement

Ann On-Lin Tang is a native of Hong Kong and she is the only Chinese clergy in the Virginia United Methodist Annual Conference. She has many talents and gifts. She is a combat veteran of the United States Army, served as a reserve chaplain for over 20 years. She is well-trained in pastoral ministry with a bachelor's degree in pastoral ministry and theology, two masters' degrees in theology, and a doctorate degree in pastoral leadership. Ann has served Sherbourne (Richmond), Rapidan Charge (Charlottesville), Mount Laurel (Farmville), Immanuel (Alexandria), Mount Vernon and Salem/Olive Branch (York River) and was a chaplain at Randolph Macon Academy in Front Royal before she was deployed to Iraq in 2003. She also has served on two District Committees on Ordained Ministry; as the chaplain of the York River District Clergy Association. She is currently a member of the Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry. Ann is also a certified Early Response Team volunteer of UMCOR.

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Name: Leigh Anne Taylor
Address: 3766 Fort Ave Lynchburg, Virginia 24501
Preferred Phone (540) 557-7598
Email: LeighAnneTaylor@vaumc.org
Church: Fort Hill UMC
District: Lynchburg District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I serve to fulfill my baptismal vows "to accept the freedom and power God gives me to resist injustice and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves;" my ordination vows "to serve all people, particularly the poor, the sick, and the oppressed,....to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world," and my prayer at Communion, "to go into the world in the strength of God's Spirit, to give myself for others." I believe that the gift most needed at GC 2020 will be relationship gifts. I bring a contemplative spiritual life, 10+ years practice in Bowen Family Systems Theory, 4/5 top strengths in Gallup StrengthsFinder in relationships, an Enneagram 9 spirituality type with peacemaking and capacity to see and accept others' point of view as my primary way of being. I am committed to inclusivity and unity that is best expressed in diversity.

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Name: Rhonda VanDyke
Address: 1460 University Dr Winchester, Virginia 22601-5100
Preferred Phone (804) 347-3100
Email: RhondaVanDyke@vaumc.org
Church: Market Street UMC
District: Winchester District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I pastored Virginia congregations with memberships from 400+ to 2000+ for 20+ years. In 2006 I dedicated my ministry to calling, forming and sending a new generation of leaders for the Church and world through Shenandoah University, Virginia's largest UM school. I served as dean of spiritual life and now Vice President for Student Life. Innovations in ministries with young people include Calling 21, JustFaith, Harvest of Hope, and the Elizabeth Project. I served as a delegate to SEJ Conference in 1992 and General Conference 1996-2012. The future of the UMC requires connecting the Church we love to an emerging generation who does not love what they know of the Church. Enfleshed for a new generation, the body of Christ must be recognized by its height of joy, its depth of spiritual practices, its keenness of critical thought, its warmth of authentic conversation, and its wideness of diversity and inclusion.

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Name: David F. Vaughan
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24477-3040
Preferred Phone (434) 825-3542
Email: davidvaughan@vaumc.org
Church: Calvary UMC (Stuarts Drafts)
District: Staunton District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

As a pastor, a leader in conference ministries, and most of all a follower of Jesus, I have seen the church at its best—extending love, embodying justice, and sharing the gospel. I'm ever thankful for the grace that is discovered—and the lives that are changed—each week in our congregations and communities. But I also see the real pain that our brokenness has caused, and I'm convinced that God is calling us to a better way. The One who declared women and men "very good" in the beginning still works, in the midst of chaos and confusion, to affirm the promise and possibilities of all God's children. I'm praying that the Virginia delegation—and all of the 2020 General Conference—will have the courage and faith to embrace a new creation and offer a witness of grace and light to the world.

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Name: Rob Vaughn
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Preferred Phone (703) 283-2153
Email: robvaughn@vaumc.org
Church: Community of Faith UMC
District: Arlington District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

A church combining head, heart and hands in service to God and witnessing to the fully inclusive of Jesus for all, especially persons who identify as LGBTQI is what I believe to be God's vision for our United Methodist Church. I've sought to work for that vision as a delegate at the 2016 & 2019 General Conferences and as an advocate in many previous conferences and denominational gatherings. Having built a network over decades with coalition partners who share this vision along with relationships with other delegates nationally and internationally is one contribution I can bring to being an effective delegate. Serving as a life-long pastor and educator has only deepened my belief and solidified my discernment that this is God's vision for our world and church.

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Name: Timothy L. Ward
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Preferred Phone (709) 959-888
Email: TimWard@vaumc.org
Church: Restoration Church
District: Arlington District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I have a deep love for the church. I have served as a pastor in the VA conference for 10 years. I have been a church planter and been involved with many different aspects of Church Planting in the VA conference. I serve on the Bi District Board of Missions. I currently sit on the Board of Ordained Ministry. I will be attending General Conference 2019. I did this because I still have a great hope for the UMC. I believe that God is going to do something big in the UMC and have hope that we can respond to the calling of the Holy Spirit. As a church planter I have experience in connecting with new and unchurched people. Our denomination needs to reach new people with the Good News of Jesus Christ. I will bring all of this experience to General Conference with me if elected.

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Name: Sarah Ruth Wastella
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Preferred Phone (703) 899-5111
Email: pastorsarah@crozetunitedmethodist.org
Church: Crozet UMC
District: Charlottesville District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I have been serving as clergy in the Virginia Annual Conference since 2010. I was ordained as an elder in 2016. I first attended General Conference as an observer in 2008 in Fort Worth, TX. I witnessed first hand the growing tension and unresolved angst of those who wanted full inclusion. I attended as an observer the Called General Conference of 2019. What I witnessed in 2008 was amplified, and now my congregation is distraught. I have been hearing from my clergy colleagues that we need new voices and perspectives. I bring my unwavering commitment to the United Methodist Church, my passion for the Virginia Annual Conference, and experience as a pastor of a mid-size local church. This is our time to work with holy intentionality on reconciliation and the redemption of our legacy of service and unparalleled grace. To this and my beloved Church, I am committed with all

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Name: Kathleen Overby Webster
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Preferred Phone (540) 989-3335
Email: RoanokeDS@vaumc.org
Church: District Superintendent
District: Roanoke District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

I love the United Methodist Church which has baptized, confirmed, ordained, and married me. Though I was raised in the Fredericksburg UMC congregation, in college I worshiped and regularly participated in Episcopal, Baptist, Presbyterian, and Roman Catholic services. That exploration made it clear to me that I am a United Methodist steeped in Wesleyan understandings of grace, practical divinity, the joining of head and heart, the real presence of Christ in the sacrament of communion, song (and dance), and community. I value prayerful collaboration, team work, adaptability, and focus on the missional mandate from Jesus. If elected I will do my best to represent the diverse clergy membership of the Virginia Conference. In some ways living into my calling as an elder to offer myself for this position at this time feels like buying a field in Anathoth (Jeremiah 32:9). Yet, I will be honored to represent you.

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Name: William M. White
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Preferred Phone (703) 577-2604
Email: WillWhite@vaumc.org
Church: First UMC (Winchester)
District: Winchester District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

As a member of this Conference for 32 years, CFA for 7 years, and in my current appointment for 10 years, I would be honored to be a delegate to the Jurisdictional and General Conferences. I'm called to advocate for the financial well-being of clergy, local churches, and Annual Conferences by providing input into the budget of the General Conference. I'd seek to ensure that younger clergy and those nearing retirement can rely on our pension program. Because clergy salaries are declining, and local church initiatives unfulfilled, I'd search for ways to curtail expenditures on unfruitful ministries and those which are sustainable without assistance. I'd advocate that choices be made now in order to preserve the future of international missions. Because the median age of United Methodist clergy is increasing, I'd seek reallocation of funds for the recruitment and development of younger clergy. If elected, I'd fulfill my responsibilities with energy, passion and inclusivity.

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Name: Andrew B. Willson
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Preferred Phone (434) 569-5713
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Church: Trinity UMC
District: Richmond District
Self Nomination? **Yes**



Personal Statement

After attending the 2019 General Conference in St. Louis, I feel called to consider serving the church as a delegate.

In 11 years of ministry, I have served in small, medium, and large membership churches; in rural, suburban, and urban settings; and as an associate and as a primary pastor.

With a deep rooting in Methodist faith tradition, a desire for the world- and church-transforming nature of God's kingdom, and potentially 30 more years of pastoral ministry ahead of me, I believe that I could help represent a breadth of better ecclesial interests of our Virginia Conference.

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