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Delegate # 2019

What has been your involvement in The United Methodist Church (include district, conference, and general agency/board involvement)?

I've served on district boards of location and building, conference Board of Ordained Ministry, an alternate or regular delegate to General Conference multiple times. Began the national UM Young Pastor's Network to train young clergy, launched and led the Leading Edge of the 100 largest UMC's, taught at 40 annual conferences across the US.

Why would you like to be considered for election as a delegate?

I believe 2020 will lead to a significant change for the UMC going forward — either a new structure or the beginning of the division of the UMC into two or three parts as a result of our disagreements over human sexuality. I've been in many of these conversations and believe I might have a small measure of influence in what happens at GC.

What unique skills, knowledge, and /or gifts would you bring to the delegation?

I have built relationships with many of the bishops and other leaders across our denomination. I care deeply about the UMC.

In light of the 2019 special session of General Conference, how do you believe the church is called to move forward in fulfilling its mission?

I would like it to move forward as one church, but this seems increasingly difficult. If this is not possible, I would hope we would create a new United Methodism that would have a clear and compelling mission and vision, be designed for ministry in the 21st century, and be more inclusive than the current Disciplinary language approved at GC2019.

What do you believe are the challenges and opportunities facing The United Methodist Church today?

The challenges are around how we will move forward in a divided denomination. Conversations are taking place about how best to move forward and I hope there will be greater clarity by our annual conference, and even greater clarity by 2020.