

# **CLERGY**

**Election Resume Booklet**

**2007**

**Texas Annual Conference**

## **Procedure for Conducting Election of Clergy Delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences**

The purpose of this procedure is to improve the process of electing clergy delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences while continuing to insure that the opportunity for election is open to any eligible individual. Clergy members will, under this procedure, be better informed about the qualifications of persons who wish to be elected. The balloting and counting will be quicker and the tally of votes will be more accurate.

### Procedural Steps:

1. Letters were mailed to all conference members eligible for election explaining the opportunity to present a photograph and a brief resume for inclusion in this booklet. They were asked to return a postcard indicating whether or not they would be submitting resumes. Those same letters and postcard were available on our conference website.
2. Before the deadline, all persons who had indicated a desire to submit a resume, but whose resumes had not been received, were sent a reminder. After the deadline, another reminder was sent to give those persons a final cutoff notice for publication of resumes.
3. All resumes received have been published and mailed with the Pre-Conference Journal for Annual Conference 2007.
4. The voting procedure will be ask follows:
  - a. Each person listed in the distributed booklet will be assigned an identifying number which will be shown in the booklet.
  - b. Clergy Ballots similar to the attached sample, will be used to vote during Annual Conference sessions. The number(s) assigned in the booklet will be used to identify the person(s) selected by the voting lay delegate. The vote will be made by filling in the box next to the proper number on the ballot using a No. 2 pencil.
  - c. Clergy not in the booklet may also be supported for election so a write-in vote can be made. Those wishing to vote for a write-in will mark the box next to the number 899 on the ballot and then write the name(s) of the write-in(s) on the back of the ballot. Care must be taken to insure that the total number of votes, including the write-in(s), is correct or the ballot will be invalid.
  - d. Ballots will be tallied by a computer program. This procedure includes the following elements:
    - One ballot per delegate, color to be different from the lay ballots, No. 2 pencils to be provided.
    - Ballots are invalidated if they are: (a) folded, torn, or marked with anything other than a No. 2 pencil; (b) improperly marked; (c) an unassigned number marked or too few or too many names; (d) voting for someone who is already elected; or (e) have stray marks or improper erasures.
    - Ballots, when collected by the tellers, are delivered to the

computer tally room. There, each ballot is scanned by specialized scanner equipment to enter the marked numbers into the computer program.

- When all ballots are scanned, the computer tallies the votes for each person, determines who has been elected, then prints out a list of all names receiving votes along with each person's vote count.
- When the computer identified an 899 box marked, it signals that a ballot with a write-in has been presented. That ballot is set aside. After all ballots are processed, the write-in names are entered manually into the computer which assigns new identifying numbers to each write-in. (Thereafter, the voting on the floor must use the assigned numbers for the added names.)
- The new write-in names and numbers will be read from the floor for the clergy to copy on the back of their booklet. If voted for again, these names must be indicated on the ballot with their new assigned numbers, not added again as write-ins.

**Name: Dr. Frank Alegria**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 100**

Current Appointment: First UMC Beaumont

Year of Ordination: 1990

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Hispanic American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-Stephen F. Austin State University 1976 (Biology/Chemistry)

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology 1988

D.Min.-Drew University 1997

Appointment Experience:

St. Andrew's-Houston, 1988-1992

Reid Memorial-Houston, 1992-1997

First UMC Brazoria, 1997-12/31/2003

First UMC Beaumont, 1/1/2004-present

Experience:

Conference Level:

I have served on the Committee of Hispanic Ministry (8 years) and have been Chair (4 years), Episcopal Committee, Conference Board of Ministries (12 years), Chair of Scholarship & Psychological Assessment, UM Foundation, Board of Directors, Wesley Community Center Board of Directors, Religion & Race, Houston Board of Missions, Golden Cross, and Regional Director for Evangelism-Lake Junaluska NC.

General Conference Level:

Served on the General Committee on Hispanic Ministries-representing the Jurisdictional College of Bishops. Jurisdictional Conference 1992, 1996, 2000 & 2004. General Conference 2000 & 2004.

I have served the church faithfully, judiciously, and passionately. It has been my honor to represent the Annual Conference at differing levels of the church. I would be privileged to represent the Texas Annual Conference again, should the collective wisdom of my colleagues believe that I would represent the Annual Conference fairly-looking at all issues of the church with discernment, compassion and through the eyes of Christ. I firmly believe that our delegation should be representative of the TAC: racially, culturally, gender, and cross-generational. As a Hispanic UM clergy, I am ready to serve the church.

**Name: Rev. Isabell “Mopsy” Andrews**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 101**

Current Appointment: Chapelwood UMC-Houston

Year of Ordination: 1997

Gender: Female

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Deacon

Education:

University of Texas-studied Psychology & English

B.A.-University of Houston, 1963 (English & History)

C.C.E.-Perkins School of Theology

Foundational Studies-Consecrated Diaconal Minister 1989

Deacons Studies-Scarritt Bennett School of Theology, 1997

Appointment Experience:

Chapelwood UMC-Houston, 1979-2006

Experience:

At the Conference level I have served on the Division of Children’s Ministry, Division of Education, Chair of Division of Family Ministry, Board of Discipleship, Safe Sanctuary Committee, Chair of Order of Deacons, Board of Ordained Ministry, and Executive Committee Board of Ordained Ministry.

Recognition and Community Service-Awarded the 2006 Outstanding Older Adult Minister in the Conference and in 2004 the Eagle Award for Outstanding Larger Church Older Adult Ministry. In the community I was elected from 1988-1992 to the Hedwig Village City Council, served for 13 years on the Board of the Houston YWCA with a mission statement of “the elimination of racism”, and had leadership positions in several women’s organizations. I have completed the certification for Mediation, trainer for Safe Sanctuary, and currently am mentoring three candidates in process for ordination as deacons.

These training and leadership experiences have given me a working knowledge of the spiritual issues at each age level as I have served in children, singles, older adult, social concerns, women and the job care ministry. Also, I am aware of the policy/covenant needs of lay and clergy relationship that will allow the image of Christ to be illumined in each person, so Christian discipleship, mission mindedness and social justice will flourish in a sacramental community spirit. My vision for the universal church and the United Methodist Church is that as brothers and sisters in Christ we will be channels of God’s grace to a broken world.

**Name: Rev. Stacy Pever-Anzick**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 102**

Current Appointment: Wesley Foundation-University of Houston

Year of Ordination: 1994

Gender: Female

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

Not given

Appointment Experience:

Not given

Experience:

Annual Conference marks my 13<sup>th</sup> year as a clergy member of the TAC. During that time I have worked with the following Conference and District ministries: camping, district camp director, women's roles, spirituality, Emmaus, Evangelism, curriculum writing, young clergy recruitment, communications, District transition committee for restructuring and others. I have served a variety of appointments as an Associate and twice as a solo or "Senior" Pastor including a two-year stint in the Northern Illinois Conference. I currently serve an appointment beyond the local church as Director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Houston.

There has been a lot of talk lately about the need to recruit "young" clergy which has been defined as persons 35 years of age or younger. I miss that mark by a couple of years but I am glad for the notice by our administration and colleagues. My concern which has been echoed by the students I now work with is the idea of tokenism or having young people around without really integrating us into the full work and leadership of the Church. This absence has specifically been noticed on the levels of young clergy participation in being delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences from our Annual Conference. The questions that the Church needs to answer are "Do we want young people because of the unique voice that they offer or do we want young people to carry on with the exact same ministries in the exact same way? Do we want young people to reduce clergy insurance rates or do we want young people to challenge us to grow?" While being under 40 years old is not the only qualifications I carry as a potential delegate, I would hope that someone in my age bracket would share in the leadership opportunity of being elected so that our voices may be heard.

What is the biggest challenge facing our Church now and for the future? The Church faces issues of irrelevance-we have a great message and a powerful example in Jesus Christ, but we seem to get bogged down with infighting and judgment. It seems that the church of today more accurately represents the Sadducees and Pharisees instead of Disciples of the one who ate with sinners, touched the lepers and welcomed all who would follow him. People of all generations want to experience unconditional love, hope and peace that surpasses all understanding, the United Methodist Church has the opportunity to offer that example as we develop Disciples of all ages.

**Name: Rev. Bert Bagley**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 103**

Current Appointment: Moody Memorial UMC-Galveston

Year of Ordination: 1981

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

Perkins Graduate, 1980

Appointment Experience:

First UMC Fairfield, 1988-1991

First UMC Palestine, 1991-1994

Holy Covenant UMC-Katy, 1994-2004

Moody Memorial UMC-Galveston, 2004-present

Experience:

To date I have served only on the following Conference Boards:

Hispanic Ministries, late 1990's

Lakeview Board-3 terms and serving presently

I feel I have new ideas with no agenda except to help make disciples.

**Name: Rev. Charles Bagley**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 104**

Current Appointment: Moody Memorial UMC-Galveston

Year of Ordination: 1997

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Deacon

Education:

Degree in Accounting

Certified Church Business Administrator

Appointment Experience:

Diaconal Minister in the Little Rock Conference-3 years

Diaconal Minister in the Central Texas Conference-7 years

Moody Memorial UMC-8 years

Experience:

I am currently serving on the Conference Finance & Administration Committee. This is my third year on the committee.

I have a concern with the continued increase in costs that are passed down to the local church through apportionments. With the continued increases in expenses such as health insurance, the local church is faced with not providing benefits or in cutting programs. I believe I can speak to these issues.

**Name: Rev. Gary Bagley**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 105**

Current Appointment: Tapp, New Boston UMC

Year of Ordination: 1988

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-Stephen F. Austin University, 1983

M.Div.-Brite Theological Seminary, 1989

Appointment Experience:

Golden-Alba Circuit, 1987-1990

Associate Pastor, Westbury UMC, 1990-1993

First UMC Troup, 1993-1996

First UMC LaMarque, 1996-2001

St. Paul's UMC-Bryan, 2001-2003

New Church Start-Bryan, 2003-2006

Tapp, New Boston UMC, 2006-present

Experience:

I have served on several Conference committees: Division of Young Adults, Division on Campus Ministries, Rules & Structures and currently on the Clergy Accountability Ministries.

I serve on the Jurisdictional level as a member of the Board of Trustees for Mt. Sequoyah. I have served on this Board since 2000.

The experience that I have gained serving on the Conference and the Jurisdictional level have helped give me a better understanding of the ministries and needs of the general church. This experience would enable me to look at the overall needs of The United Methodist Church and offer thoughtful insight as well as prayerful consideration for the future of our church.

**Name: Rev. David Banks**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 106**

Current Appointment: First UMC Onalaska

Year of Ordination: 1996

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-Stephen F. Austin State University 1992 (Rehabilitation Services)

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology 1998

Appointment Experience:

Associate Pastor-First UMC Humble, 1998-2001

Pastor-Tatum UMC, 2001-2003

Pastor-Jewett & Donie Memorial UMC, 2003-2004

Pastor-First UMC Onalaska, 2004-present

Experience:

"I believe my leadership in the conference is more accurately identified through working within teams, paying attention to dynamics, needs, and being able to both cast visions and do the work necessary to implement the change from vision to reality. Critical thought and critical understanding, along with the ability to work well with others is a necessary component for ministry for the General Conference, Jurisdictional Conference and Annual Conference. I believe this is needed as we continue to do ministry in a new way, in a new age. My interest in serving as a delegate is related to my interest in the church I will be serving 20 and 30 years from now, and at the same time serving the church far beyond 20 and 30 years from now. My interest in serving is the Kingdom, our acknowledgment of the power of Jesus Christ in the world, and our faithful response to what He has done, is doing and will do.

Please understand, as a delegate, I will focus on: 1.) Discipleship in the local church, both as a call to our Christian faith and as a call to representative ministry; 2.) Engaging the church to meet the needs of those around them and seeing that the needs of the local church are also being met. 3.) Calling the Church to be faithful financially, both in plan and practice. 4.) To engage people, both of faith and seeking faith, in active ministry."

**Name: Dr. Jim Bankston**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 107**

Current Appointment: St. Paul's UMC, Houston

Year of Ordination: 1975

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

A.A.-Lon Morris College 1968

B.A.-Southwestern University, 1970

MTh.-Perkins School of Theology 1974

DMin.-St. Paul School of Theology 2000

Appointment Experience:

Various Student appointments

Intern/Associate, First UMC Athens 1972-1974

Associate, First UMC Beaumont 1974-1976

Senior Pastor, Chandler UMC 1976-1981

Senior Pastor, Cokesbury UMC, Houston 1981-1988

Senior Pastor, John Wesley UMC, Houston 1988-1993

Superintendent: Beaumont District 1993-1995

Senior Pastor-St. Paul's UMC, Houston 1995-present

Experience:

I grew up on the Malakoff/Cross Roads Charge in East Texas. I have served virtually every aspect of ministry in this Conference, from rural East Texas to the Gulf Coast and Houston. I have served several small churches as an Associate and as a Senior Pastor. I have been a District Superintendent and have served the Conference at many levels, including the Board of Ordained Ministry. I have always had growing and effective ministries in many varied settings. I think I know the people of this Conference well; rural, small town, suburban, urban, all ethnic groups and varieties of God's family. I have worked extensively with the interfaith community of Houston and feel this experience is valuable in our world. In a divided, troubled church searching for an identity, a soul and a mission, I think I can be a voice of vision, authenticity and common ground. In a world of high-pitched emotion and often shrill voices, if elected to represent this Conference at the General Conference, I will try to be a force for bridge building, larger visions, reasoned leadership and the ways of Christ for our church.

**Name: Rev. James A. Bass**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 108**

Current Appointment: Friendswood UMC

Year of Ordination: 1990

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-Southwestern University, 1986

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology, 1990

Appointment Experience:

Student Pastor-Thorndale Circuit, 1985-1986

Student Pastor-Bedias Circuit, 1986-1989

Associate Pastor-First UMC Alvin, 1990-1994

First UMC San Augustine, 1994-1998

Mission Bend UMC, 1998-2004

Senior Pastor-Wesley UMC-Beaumont, 2004-2006

Senior Pastor-Friendswood UMC, 2006-present

Experience:

Division of Worship District Camp Coordinator in three Districts.

**Name: Rev. Richard M. Bauman**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 109**

Current Appointment: St. Peter's UMC, Katy

Year of Ordination: 1998

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Deacon

Education:

Odessa High School, Odessa TX 1963

B.A.-McMurry University, Abilene TX, 1967 (Majored in English & Speech, Minored in Education)

MCE Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville, 1975

Appointment Experience:

First UMC Alvin, Youth Director, 1975-1978

Tomball UMC, Director of Christian Education & Youth, 1978-1988

St. Peter's UMC, Katy, Director of Christian Education/Minister of Education with responsibilities for Adults, Singles, Families & Confirmation, 1988—present

Experience:

I've been part of committees on Caring, Human Sexuality, and appointed to the Board of Diaconal Ministry, served on the Division of Education. Currently I am serving on the Board of Ordained Ministry and the District Committee on Ministry. I also serve as registrar for The Gathering and Winter Youth Camps.

I grew up in the Methodist/United Methodist Church having had a grandfather and two aunts and uncles who were missionaries. Our Texas Annual Conference has some excitement which the General Church needs to catch so that we are all working to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. John Wesley said "the world is my parish." It's time to claim the world for Christ.

**Name: Rev. John C. Berny**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 110**

Current Appointment: Cypress Trails UMC

Year of Ordination: 1996

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-Purdue University, 1989

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology, 1996

Appointment Experience:

Russell Memorial UMC-Wills Point, 1995-1998

Atascocita UMC, 1998-2001

Cypress Trails UMC, 2001-present

Experience:

My experience at the Conference Level of leadership includes my service as a Candidacy Mentor and my service on the Spiritual Formation Committee. My two experiences have led me to the realization that we are in an epoch of great spiritual upheaval and spiritual hunger. With the rise of the non-denominational church, the increased secularism of our society, and the rising backlash of bad feeling for denominational churches, we as United Methodists are faced with a multi-pronged challenge to stay relevant and viable as a Christian movement. All the while, sharing Jesus with a world hungering for something real and something upon which they can build the foundations of their lives and their families.

If you choose to elect me to serve you at General Conference, I feel that I will be able to share the perspective of a generation, not yet 40 years old, that our church misses many times, bringing new questions and new insights for the General Church to consider and act upon to continue forward victoriously the faith-filled legacy John Wesley burnished upon us.

**Name: Rev. Wanda Jean Taylor Bess**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 111**

Current Appointment: McCabe Robert-Beaumont

Year of Ordination: 2002

Gender: Female

Racial/Ethnic Group: African American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

Perkins School of Theology

Appointment Experience:

Local Pastor for Covenant Glen UMC-Missouri City, June 1993-Jan 1997

Boynton UMC, Jan 1997-June 2005

McCabe-Roberts UMC, June 2005—present

Experience:

Conference Board of Ordained Ministry

Conference Safe Sanctuary Team

**Name: Dr. Earl W. Bledsoe**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 112**

Current Appointment: Superintendent-West District

Year of Ordination: 1983

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: African American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-West Texas State University (Major: English, Minor: Spanish)

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology (Benjamin E. Mays Scholar)

D.Min.-Drew University (Working with At-Risk Inner-city Teens)

Appointment Experience:

Local Pastor: Wyatt Memorial, Amarillo; St. Andrews, Ft. Worth; Anahuac Circuit

Internship: St. Mark's UMC, Baytown

Overseas: Hanham Methodist Church, Hanham Bristol England (Kingwood Circuit)

Associate: Bear Creek UMC

Conference Staff: Director of Teaching Ministries

Sr. Pastor: Cypress UMC; Spring Woods UMC

Superintendent: Bryan District now the West District

Experience:

Chair of Conference BOM (GC Legislative Committee)

President of Conference CF&A (GC Committee)

Chair of TMF Board of Directors, Austin

Chair of Gulfside Long Range Planning Committee-Alfred Norris Building Project

Chair of Gulfside Rebuilding Project

General & Jurisdictional Delegate in 1992, 1996, 2000 & 2004

Chair General Conference Reference Committee in 2000 & 2004

South Central Jurisdictional Representative to The Connectional Table of the UMC

**Name: Rev. Jesse M. Brannen, Jr.**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 113**

Current Appointment: Cheatham Memorial UMC

Year of Ordination: 2005

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-Kentucky Wesleyan College (Psychology)

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology

D.Min.-Midwest University

Appointment Experience:

Boling Chapel/Fordsville Charge in Kentucky Annual Conference, 1996-1999

Edom/Sexton Chapel, 1999-2003

Cheatham Memorial UMC, 2003-present

Experience:

Conference Committee on Evangelism

Conference Committee on Equitable Compensation

I believe that my work on the conference committee's will be of great value if I am selected as a delegate because I have an understanding of what issues face our denomination in the areas of clergy retention, congregational expectations and church growth.

**Name: Rev. Jerome Brimmage**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 114**

Current Appointment: First UMC Mineola

Year of Ordination: 2000

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-University of North Texas (Criminal Justice)

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology

MPA-University of Texas at Tyler

Appointment Experience:

Smith Chapel, Hainesville, Harris Chapel, 1994-1996

Assoc. Pastor, First UMC Lindale, 1996-1998

Pastor, Wesley Memorial UMC-Huntsville, 1998-Dec. 2004

Pastor, First UMC Mineola, Jan. 2005-present

Experience:

None given.

**Name: Dr. Richard A. Burnham**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 115**

Current Appointment: Southeast District Superintendent

Year of Ordination: 1978

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-Lamar University

MTh.-Perkins School of Theology

DMin.-Perkins School of Theology

Appointment Experience:

China, Nome, Fanne & Faith, 1980-1985

Park Avenue UMC-Orange, 1985-1987

Bethany UMC-Houston, 1987-1990

First UMC Wharton, 1990-1994

First UMC Missouri City, 1994-2005

Southeast District, 2005-present

Experience:

Two experiences come to mind: I served as Chair of the Division of Worship (1988-1992). This broadened my understanding of the diverse character of our Conference, as well as the level of talent we enjoy here.

As a Superintendent, I am immersed in the visioning/change process we have embarked upon. I believe our Conference is taking initiatives that need to influence the direction of the general church.

**Name: Rev. Jonathan Bynum**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 116**

Current Appointment: Greggton UMC, Longview

Year of Ordination: 1993

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

A.A.-Lon Morris College 1985

B.S.-Texas A & M University (Industrial Engineering) 1987

M.S.-East Texas State University, Texarkana (Business Administration) 1988

M.Div.-Texas Christian University 1994

D.Min. Candidate-Asbury Theological Seminary (est. 2007)

Appointment Experience:

Good Springs UMC, Bethel 1991-1995

Kilgore Wesley Foundation 1995-1996

St. Luke's UMC, Kilgore 1995-1998

Hubbard Chapel, DeKalb 1998-2001

First UMC Houston 2001-2005

Greggton UMC, Longview 2005-present

Experience:

I have served in lay leadership (in another conference and career). I have been a student, associate, executive and lead pastor. I have worked in rural, small town, and urban settings, I have served small, medium, large, and mega-churches, as well as beyond the local church. I have given extensive time to district ministries, with a special passion for summer camps. And I have served on Conference committees-the longest with Worship. My experiences have allowed me to know the church from every perspective and make me sensitive to the diverse needs and demands of congregations. But it seems to me that what we've done in the past is not as important as the changes we must make to embrace the future so we can passionately and effectively share Wesleyan holiness with a spiritually hungry world. It is time for Methodism to start living on the edge again.

**Name: Dr. Allison Cambre**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 117**

Current Appointment: Bear Creek UMC

Year of Ordination: 1976

Gender: Female

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-Iowa State University

MTh.-Perkins School of Theology

DM in.-Perkins School of Theology

Appointment Experience:

Waskom UMC

First UMC Hughes Springs

Van UMC

First UMC Groves

Cokesbury UMC, Houston

West University UMC

Williams Memorial UMC, Texarkana

Bear Creek UMC

Experience:

Committee on Communication & Interpretation

Higher Education & Campus Ministries

Board of Ordained Ministry

Ethnic Local Church Concerns

Christian Unity & Interreligious Concerns

Division on Worship

Committee on Investigation

My experience will help me to see issues from many different perspectives. My beliefs are Neo-orthodox in Theology and Wesleyan in perspective.

**Name: Rev. Peter Cammarano**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 118**

Current Appointment: Brazoria UMC

Year of Ordination: 2000

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-Stephen F. Austin State University

M.Div.-The Divinity School at Duke University

Appointment Experience:

Associate Pastor-Bellaire UMC, May 1998-January 2004

Brazoria UMC, January 2004-present

Experience:

I have served on the Conference Committee on Spiritual Life and on the Taskforce for Clergy Effectiveness and currently serve on the Taskforce for Sexual Ethics and the Clergy Accountability Group under the Center for Clergy Excellence. I feel strongly about issues related to the recruitment, formation and self-care of young clergy persons.

**Name: Rev. Randy Carrion**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 119**

Current Appointment: First UMC Port Neches

Year of Ordination: 1996

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-Columbia University, 1979 (Biblical Education)

Graduate Studies-Houston Graduate School of Theology, 1986-1988

Graduate Studies-St. Paul School of Theology, 1989

Graduate Studies-Perkins School of Theology, 1990-1994

Appointment Experience:

Sr. Pastor-Sabine Pass UMC, 1985-1990

Sr. Pastor-China/Nome UMC, 1990-1995

Associate Pastor-Wesley UMC-Beaumont, 1995-1999

Sr. Pastor-First UMC Silsbee, 1999-2002

Sr. Pastor, First UMC Atlanta, 2002-2005

Sr. Pastor, First UMC Port Neches, 2005-present

Experience:

District Youth Coordinator representing the District on CCYM

District Communications Representative representing the District on the Conference  
Communications Committee

Authored and represented a proposal for a paid Conference Youth Coordinator

Was a trained and active Candidate Mentor

**Name: Rev. Christi R. Conway**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 120**

Current Appointment: Wesley-McCabe UMC

Year of Ordination: 2001

Gender: Female

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-Sam Houston State University, 1995

M.Div.-Asbury Theological Seminary, 1999

Appointment Experience:

Associate Pastor-St. John's UMC-Richmond, 1999-2005

Pastor-Wesley-McCabe UMC, 2005-present

Experience:

I have served on the committee of Spiritual Formation, Vice-Chair of the Division of Stewardship, and an Ex-Officio member of the United Methodist Foundation. I am currently serving on the Extravagant Generosity Ministry Team, involved in conference recruiting on the Seminary level for 2007 and participating in The New Church leadership Institute for 2006-2007. I give 100% to attending and participating in these teams and will continue to do so if elected to General Conference. Through my experience I have developed a good understanding of the structure of our Annual Conference and the General Conference. While participating in the New Church Leadership Institute, jurisdictional leadership training, I have learned what is happening in other annual conferences and how we can better unite to strengthen our structure throughout the General Conference. It is very important that we elect people to General Conference who are willing to think creatively and look at new ways to accomplish our goal of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**Name: Dr. Karen S. Dorris**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 121**

Current Appointment: Director, Center for Congregational Excellence

Year of Ordination: 1978

Gender: Female

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-Stephen F. Austin University

MTh.-Perkins School of Theology

DM in.-Perkins School of Theology

Appointment Experience:

Associate Pastor, First UMC Liberty, 1977-1979

Associate Pastor, Bethany UMC, 1979-1982

Pastor, Durkee UMC-Houston, 1982-1984

Pastor, First UMC Jefferson, 1984-1987

Pastor, Rose Hill UMC, 1987-1992

Senior Pastor, Canterbury UMC-Houston, 1992-1997

Senior Pastor, Sunset UMC-Pasadena, 1997-2002

District Superintendent, Houston Southwest, 2002-2006

Director, Center for Congregational Excellence, 2006-present

Experience:

I have chaired the Commission on Equitable Compensation, been a member of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry Executive Committee, served as a D.S. and now as a Center Director for the Conference. I have also been a delegate to the Jurisdictional Conferences of 1996, 2000, & 2004. I was first alternate delegate to General Conference and served for the first week of General Conference as a delegate to the Local Church Legislative Committee. I know and love our annual conference, both its congregations and its clergy and I have an understanding of how the General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference work. I am willing to do all the hard work necessary to represent the Texas Conference in these important gatherings.

**Name: Rev. Marlin Fenn**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 122**

Current Appointment: First UMC Katy

Year of Ordination: 1983

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-Texas A & M University, 1979 (Education)

MTh.-Perkins School of Theology, 1985

Certified Mediator: Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, October 2001

Appointment Experience:

1982 Student Local Pastor to Deport Charge, North Texas Conference

1985 Trinidad, Cedar Creek Lake UMC

1986 Associate Pastor, Moody Memorial UMC Galveston

1990 First UMC Hallsville

1995 First UMC LaPorte

2001 First UMC Bryan

2003 First UMC Katy

Experience:

1986-1992 Division of Career Planning & Counseling, Chaired 1988-1992

1992-2000 Division of Evangelism, Chaired 1996-2000

1993-2004 Board of Ordained Ministry

2000-2004 Psychological Representative, Candidacy Registrar, 2000-2004

2004-present Council on Finance & Administration

**Name: Rev. Jim Foster**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 123**

Current Appointment: John Wesley UMC

Year of Ordination: 1978

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-Southwestern University (Humanities)

MTh.-Perkins School of Theology

Robert Schuller School of Successful Church Leadership

Beth Bible Series

Disciple Bible Study

Stephen's Ministry Leader

Leadership Network

Appointment Experience:

Thorndale Circuit, 1972-1974

Internship-St. Paul's UMC, Houston, 1975-1976

Associate Pastor-Memorial Drive UMC, 1977-1979

Pastor, Pleasant Retreat UMC, Tyler, 1979-1983

Senior Pastor, Ashford UMC, Houston, 1983-1989

Senior Pastor, St. Peter's UMC, 1989-1997

Area Provost, 1997-2006

Senior Pastor, John Wesley UMC, 2006-present

Experience:

Registrar of Local Pastors

Registrar of Board of Ordained Ministry

Area Provost

General Board of Global Ministries

Council on Finance & Administration

General Conference Delegate 1996, 2000 & 2004

I have a wide breadth of experience in the church and previous involvement at General Conference.

**Name: Rev. Mike Fraley**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 124**

Current Appointment: First UMC Hempstead/Lynn Grove

Year of Ordination: 1989

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-Texas A & M University, 1983

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology, 1991

Appointment Experience:

First UMC Orange, 1991

St. Luke's UMC, Houston, 1993

Garden Villas UMC, 1996

Magnolia UMC, 2000

First UMC Hempstead/Lynn Grove, 2002-present

Experience:

Equitable Compensation, Worship, Drug & Alcohol Abuse.

My concentration has been my local congregations. The UMC needs to concentrate on our local congregations-All Christian Mission Is Local!

**Name: Rev. Jeff Gage**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 125**

Current Appointment: First UMC Bryan

Year of Ordination: Deacon-1999, Full Elder, 2002

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-Texas A & M University, 1991 (Animal Science)

B.S.-University of Houston, 1994 (Pharmacy)

M.Div.-Asbury Theological Seminary, 2000

Appointment Experience:

Strawbridge UMC-Kingwood, 2000-October 2002

First UMC Hooks, November 2002-2006

First UMC Bryan, 2006-present

Experience:

To begin with, as you can see from my educational history, I confess, I am all that is evil in the Texas Annual Conference. I am an Aggie that went to Asbury. Yet, I do not believe that limits my ability to serve on the General Conference level.

In fact, the whole of my experience empowers me even more. As are a growing number of pastors, I am a second career pastor, having worked as a pharmacist for a few years prior to admitting my call to ministry. This experience allows me the insight of knowing what it is to be a lay person and to understand the concerns of the laity. I know what it is to question the wisdom of the denomination from an unpaid servant's perspective.

I also believe my appointment history gives me a certain advantage. I have served as an associate pastor of a large suburban church in an affluent neighborhood, as the "senior" (and only) pastor of a small church in a small town, and now as the associate of a large "county seat" church. Through each of these experiences I have seen the workings of the UMC on many levels. And sometimes what I see is troubling.

I see that we as a denomination stand on the edge of a precipice which overlooks a valley of no return. This valley is already being populated by denominations that have lost an appreciation and awe for the holiness of scripture. They seemed to be governed by popular opinion rather than holy scriptural teaching. We must not be allured by this same temptation. We need to first fall in love with scripture, and then allow it to change us and how we govern the denomination.

I also believe we must be vigilant in the conviction that our sole purpose as a church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. This is best accomplished by empowering the laity and the local church. As the local church is empowered, transformation will occur not only in the church, but throughout the world as well.

**Name: Rev. Capri Grimes**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 126**

Current Appointment: First UMC Fulshear

Year of Ordination: 2002

Gender: Female

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.B.A.-Sam Houston State University

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology

D.Min.-Brite Theological Seminary (in progress)

Appointment Experience:

Shepherd Drive UMC

Magnolia UMC

First UMC Brenham

Coldspring UMC

First UMC Fulshear

Experience:

I have no conference level leadership experience. That is a plus if we are looking for diversity.

**Name: Dr. Francis E. W. Guidry**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 127**

Current Appointment: Ebenezer UMC-Houston

Year of Ordination: 1985-Deacon, 1989-Elder

Gender: Female

Racial/Ethnic Group: African American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-University of Houston, 1978

M.Div.-Gammon/Interdenominational Theological Center, 1988

D.Min.-Drew School of Theology, 1998

Appointment Experience:

Bethlehem/Lawrence Key UMC-Hempstead, Wesley Foundation at Texas Southern University, Boynton Chapel-Houston, Mt. Vernon UMC-Houston, Bethany UMC-Houston, Ebenezer UMC-Houston

Experience:

My involvement at the Conference level includes serving on the Camping Committee, Commission of the Status and Role of Women, Ethnic Local Concerns Committee, Conference Council, Joint Program Committee, Board of Ordained Ministry, Board of Managers for the Cooperative School of Christian Mission. I am currently serving on the Episcopacy Committee, The Committee on Investigation and the Delegation for General/Jurisdictional Conferences in 2004.

Because of these experiences and serving on the delegation to the General/Jurisdictional Conferences from 1992 to the present, I bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to allow me to represent our Conference well at the General Conference level.

**Name: Rev. Randy Hageman**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 128**

Current Appointment: Gateway Community Church

Year of Ordination: 1991

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-Louisiana Technical University, 1979 (Mechanical Engineering)

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology, 1989

Appointment Experience:

Associate Pastor, Marvin UMC-Tyler, 1987-1989

Associate Pastor, First UMC Lufkin, 1989-1992

Pastor, First UMC Grand Saline, 1992-1995

Senior Pastor, First UMC Hallsville, 1995-2004

Senior Pastor, Gateway Community Church-Houston, 2004-present

Experience:

Conference Level

Vice-Chair, Division on Evangelism, 1996-2000

Vice-Chair, Board of Discipleship, 2000-2004

Member of the Board of Ordained Ministry, 2004-present

Alternate Jurisdictional Delegate in 2004

I love the church. Over the years I have served in small churches and large, in rural and suburban East Texas and in Houston. I attended the 2004 South Central Jurisdictional Conference as an Alternate, and also attended the second week of the 2004 General Conference in Pittsburgh as an observer. I affirm our historic Wesleyan doctrinal positions as Biblical, relevant, and authoritative, and I am committed to lifting up Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of the world.

**Name: Dr. Dan Hannon**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 129**

Current Appointment: Christ Church UMC, The Woodlands

Year of Ordination: 1983

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-Stephen F. Austin State University

M.Ed.-University of Houston

M.Div.-Emory University

D.Min.-Drew University

Appointment Experience:

Associate Pastor-St. Peter's UMC, Katy, 1983

Associate Pastor-Bear Creek UMC, Houston, 1984

First UMC Overture, 1988

Christ Church UMC, The Woodlands, 1991-present

Experience:

I have served in the following Conference areas: Board of Church & Society, Chair Division of Colleges; Chair District Finance Committee, Member District Committee on Ministry (Current Position), Mentor for Candidates for Ministry. My Annual Conference experience has offered a varied experience which enables me to understand and process critical issues based upon our reason, tradition, scripture, and experience as United Methodist. I love our United Methodist Church, I desire to see it unified, and seek to be of service to her any way possible.

**Name: Dr. Gail Harrelson**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 130**

Current Appointment: St. Matthew's UMC, Houston

Year of Ordination: 1986

Gender: Female

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-Practical Theology

M.Div.

D.Min.

Appointment Experience:

Associate Pastor, First UMC Memorial Drive

Associate Pastor, First UMC Pearland

Asbury UMC, Tyler

Brazoria UMC

First UMC Pittsburg

Glenbrook UMC

Giddings-Paige UMC

St. Matthew's UMC

Experience:

Texas Annual Conference Secretary

Council on Finance & Administration

Commission on Christian Unity & Interreligious Concerns

Division on Worship

Committee on Communications

COSROW

Committee on Small Membership Churches

Board of Global Ministries

UM Foundation Board of Trustees

The experience of working with a variety of boards & committees has given me a broad base of working knowledge of the General Church organization. In my capacity of Conference Secretary, I receive current information from the General agencies as well as the Judicial Council. It would be an honor and privilege to represent the Texas Annual Conference as a delegate to either the General or Jurisdictional Conferences.

**Name: Rev. Vincent Harris**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 131**

Current Appointment: Love/Mt. Corinth UMC

Year of Ordination: 1989

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: African American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-Tennessee State University

M.Div.-Wesley Theological Seminary

D.Min.-Houston Graduate School of Theology

Appointment Experience:

Arkansas:

White Memorial, St. James, University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff & Little Rock  
Wesley Foundation

Texas:

Wiley College Chaplain, Assistant Professor of Religion, Riverside & Love/Mt.  
Corinth

Experience:

Board of Ordained Ministry: Dean of Local Pastor's School, Chair of Counseling and  
District Committee for the South District

Board of Higher Education

Commission on Religion & Race

Each area of service in the Annual Conference has allowed me the opportunity to see what is right in the church. I have a lot of things people tell me that are wrong, but I see for myself the right things that are meeting the needs of people.

**Name: Rev. Chris Harrison**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 132**

Current Appointment: First UMC Bay City

Year of Ordination: 2003

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-University of Texas at Austin, 1986 (Chemistry)

M.S.-Florida State University, 1991 (Bio-Chemistry)

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology, 2001

Appointment Experience:

Student Pastor-Murchison UMC, 1997-2001

Associate Pastor-Kingwood UMC, 2001-2006

Pastor, First UMC Bay City, 2006-present

Experience:

I have not yet had the privilege of Conference level leadership, but anticipate future opportunities. What I offer is my intellect, my creativity, my desire to witness and experience positive change and my passionate love of Jesus Christ and the church. God is allowing me to be a channel through which His love and glory are revealed and I have been blessed to walk beside many who are answering their calls to obedience and service. I am very willing to serve God and this Conference as a delegate.

**Name: Rev. Cynthia Fierro Harvey**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 133**

Current Appointment: Memorial Drive UMC

Year of Ordination: 2001

Gender: Female

Racial/Ethnic Group: Hispanic American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-University of Texas at Austin (Journalism)

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology, 1999

Appointment Experience:

Foundry UMC, 1994-1996

Memorial Drive UMC, 1996-present

Experience:

District Level:

District Committee on Ministry, Mentor of Ministry Candidates, previous Chair  
Covenant College, presenter for Covenant College

Conference Level:

Core Leadership Team, Committee on Investigation, Developing Connectional  
Ministry (DCM) leader, Rules & Structures Task Force, United Methodist Foundation  
(Advisory Trustee 2001-2004, Trustee 2004-present, currently serving as Vice-Chair),  
previous member of UM ARMY Board of Directors, Executive Director of UM ARMY  
1992-1996, Division of Missions, teacher at Lay Speaker School

General Church Level:

General Commission on Communications (Executive Committee, Chair of  
Personnel Committee), Board member of Foundation for United Methodist  
Communication, local coordinator for Large Church Initiative Conference

My involvement at many different levels of leadership from the District level to the general church have provided me a broad view of the work of the church. This view, I believe, is critical as a representative at the General Conference level. I have had the privilege to work on exciting projects that have afforded me the opportunity to work side-by-side with great leaders in the United Methodist Church. I have watched with awe, interest and excitement the prospect of leading the church to the next steps of faithfulness.

**Name: Dr. Betty Jo Tennon Hightower**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 134**

Current Appointment: St. Timothy's UMC-Houston

Year of Ordination: 2001

Gender: Female

Racial/Ethnic Group: African American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.N.-University of Texas Health Science Center, 1993

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology, 1999

D.Min.-Wesley Theological Seminary, 2006

Appointment Experience:

Team Pastor under assignment-Jasper Circuit, 1987-1988

Pastor-Asbury Memorial UMC-Houston, 1988-1991

Associate Pastor-Disciples UMC-Houston, 1994-1996

Chaplain-Methodist Healthcare System, 1997-2001

Associate Pastor-St. Luke's UMC-Houston, 2002-2006

Pastor-St. Timothy's UMC-Houston, 2006-present

Experience:

I was elected number 12 of 13 delegates to the 2004 General & Jurisdictional Conferences, which gave me considerable experience and exposure to the broader aspects of ministerial responsibilities. I served on the Sexual Ethics Task Force developing the Sexual Ethics Policy and Procedures. I presently serve on the Response Team Task Force and on the Clergy Excellence Clergy Development and Spiritual Formation Team. I have served on two District Boards of Ministry.

I came to Elders Orders after many years of service as a Local Pastor. In this capacity I served on the Board of Global and Division of Health and Welfare. I offer myself without reservation for service.

**Name: Rev. Cynthia T. Hinson**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 135**

Current Appointment: St. Paul's UMC-Conroe

Year of Ordination: Deacon-1997, Elder-2000

Gender: Female

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-University of Houston (Linguistics)

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology

Krist Samaritan Center for Counseling & Education-Pastoral Care Specialist

D.Min.-Asbury Theological Seminary

Appointment Experience:

St. Paul's UMC-Conroe

Experience:

In 1995 it was anticipated that St. Paul's Conroe may be closed. Since that time, we have completed over \$200,000 of improvements on this campus while paying all benevolences for the past 11 years. We currently scored as a 'Transforming Church' in the Conference Study. The congregation moved to a Leadership Team local church polity in 1996, ten years ahead of the Texas Annual Conference. The average church membership age has been lowered from 67 to 51 years. In 2006, we received the "Five Stars of Excellence" Award in Christian Education.

I am committed to understanding the nature and needs of the small to mid-size church and adapting and translating into practical applications cutting-edge programs and ministries often seen only in larger churches. I strongly believe in strengthening lay leadership.

I have served in these areas: Local Pastor's Licensing School, Lon Morris College-Instructor, 2005 & 2006, The Board of Ordained Ministry, District Committee, Central North-Registrar for 1 year, The BOM, District Committee, Houston North-Registrar for 5 years. The BOM, District Committee, Houston North-for 2 years. Conference Committee on Disability Concerns, General Conference 2000, Cleveland Ohio-Page, Conference Division of Education, The Division of Children's Ministries.

I have worked diligently to understand, explore, and appreciate theological views across the spectrum of Methodism, and I will do all I can to encourage unity in our church, welcome and encourage those who are younger into leadership, uphold and defend those who are often marginalized, and maintain the integrity of the gospel entrusted into my heart and hands as an elder.

**Name: Dr. Richard Heyduck**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 136**

Current Appointment: First UMC Pittsburg

Year of Ordination: 1989

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-Southwestern University

M.Div.-Asbury Seminary

Ph.D.-Fuller Seminary (Theology)

Appointment Experience:

Queen City-Bloomberg

Associate Pastor, Cedar Bayou UMC, Baytown

Hooks UMC

Associate Pastor, Westbury UMC

First UMC Pittsburg

Experience:

Division of Evangelism

Commission on Archives & History

Faith-forming Relationships & Spiritual Formation

Church Camps (20+ years)

I have little skill at Politics (traditionally concerned). I'm an INTP and good with ideas and analysis. I'm convinced of the need for doctrinal, faithfulness and renewal. I see a need for structured & methodological change (which we are doing), but believe that if we change these things and miss God, we're toast. And rightfully so.

My experience from another perspective with churches would be where I gained my experiences: small town churches; big town churches; a multicultural church; and a California church (during doctoral work).

**Name: Rev. Godfrey Hubert**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 137**

Current Appointment: Foundry UMC

Year of Ordination: 1976

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

M.Div.-Asbury Theological Seminary

Appointment Experience:

St. Mark's UMC-Marshall, 1980-1984

Foundry UMC-Houston, 1984-present

Experience:

I have served on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, as counselor at District Camp, and on the District Council of Ministries. I believe I can help General Conference focus on the critical needs and more important issues facing the church.

**Name: Rev. Matt Idom**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 138**

Current Appointment: First UMC Bryan

Year of Ordination: 1980

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-Lamar University (Communications)

MTh.-Perkins School of Theology

DM in.-United Theological School

Consultant Training-Bill Easum (Easum & Bandy)

Archeological Training-University of Oklahoma

Appointment Experience:

Associate Pastor-Bear Creek UMC

Pastor-White Oak UMC

Pastor-Dekalb UMC

Senior Pastor-Jacksonville UMC

Senior Pastor-Williams Memorial, Texarkana

Senior Pastor-First UMC Bryan

Experience:

Two terms-Chair-Communications. Developed national, award winning media (TV) campaign to promote UMC. Developed Conference Communication staff position. Developed Conference-wide signage program. Served BOM, Pastor's Retreat Chair, featured Gov. Ann Richards as keynote speaker at retreat. Multiple years served as District Camping Coordinator. Multiple District offices.

Since 1984 I have attended General Conference as a Marshall, Communications Director, Correspondent, Jurisdictional Conference Delegate and Reserve Delegate. I know and understand the workings of General Conference. Likewise, I've developed relationships throughout the nation with Methodist clergy and laity. I want to be a delegate to represent the interest of the local church, particularly the area of Communications Ministry of the National Church. There should be greater sensitivity from UMCOM towards the needs of the local church and regional identity in media production. My mantra would be constantly "The local church-First."

I am Wesleyan in my theology; affirm whole-heartedly the current language in the Book of Discipline regarding ordination, abortion and similar social "hot buttons." I humbly ask for your support and vote. I believe my presence on the delegation would be an asset to the Conference and to the local church in particular.

**Name: Rev. Jay K. Jackson**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 139**

Current Appointment: Holy Covenant UMC-Katy

Year of Ordination: 2001

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-West Virginia University, 1983 (CLE)

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology, 1999

Appointment Experience:

Colfax Circuit UMC, 1995-1999

Christ UMC-College Station, 1999-2001

First UMC Quitman & Liberty UMC, 2001-2006

Holy Covenant UMC-Katy, 2006-present

Experience:

I have served as Chair of the Commission on Equitable Compensation for the current quadrennium. Before that, I was Secretary and Vice-Chair of that Commission. I have also chaired the Tyler District DCOM and currently serve on the Southwest District Leadership Team. I believe my life-long membership in the United Methodist Church and my lay and clergy leadership make me well qualified to serve. I have strong roots in the traditional expression of Methodist Christianity, while embracing new, emergent ministry opportunities to reach new generations.

**Name: Rev. Rhanel Y. Johnson**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 140**

Current Appointment: Central South Parish Director

Year of Ordination: 1999

Gender: Female

Racial/Ethnic Group: African American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-Texas Southern University (Biology)

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology

D.M.in.-currently pursuing at Brite Divinity

Appointment Experience:

Parkcrest UMC, 1999-2002

Ebenezer UMC, 2002-2006

Wesley/Union Memorial UMC, 2006

South Central Parish Director, 2006-present

Experience:

Member of CF & A Committee, Class of 2012

**Name: Rev. Nancy Kellond**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 141**

Current Appointment: Montgomery UMC

Year of Ordination: 1992

Gender: Female

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A. & B.S.-University of Texas

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology

Appointment Experience:

Associate Pastor-Bear Creek UMC

Pastor-Fulbright UMC

Associate Pastor-St. Luke's UMC-Houston

Senior Pastor-St. Timothy's UMC-Houston

Senior Pastor-Montgomery UMC

Experience:

Evangelism & Worship, Board of Missions-Room to Grow Chair, Finance, Supervising Elder for DCM Group, Covenant College Chair, New Church Leadership Institute, Conference Ministry Assessment Team, Task Group & Writing Group for Congregational Development, Methodist Foundation Advisory Board, led several VIM Teams both National & International, taught Spiritual Formation at Perkins School of Theology and am a Mentor Pastor for the Intern Program through Perkins School of Theology.

I have had a variety of experiences in different ministry settings and with persons of different cultures. I value and bring with me these different perspectives. My recent experience with congregational development and planting new churches leads me to envision the movement of the Holy Spirit in making disciples in new and creative ways. I am excited to be part of what God is doing for the church of the future. I am open and prayerfully listen to God's guidance for us all as we are one in the body of Christ.

**Name: Rev. Velosia Kibe**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 142**

Current Appointment: Windsor Village UMC

Year of Ordination: 1999

Gender: Female

Racial/Ethnic Group: African American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-University of Houston (Psychology & Sociology)

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology, 1999

Appointment Experience:

Intern Pastor-Windsor Village UMC, 1997-1999

Associate Pastor-Windsor Village UMC, 1999-present

Experience:

Served on the Committee for the Houston South District Annual Conference

Facilitator for classes in Advanced Preaching and Evangelism

Facilitator for Certification School of the Houston South District

Member of the District Committee on Ordained Ministry

Presenter for the Conference School of Christian Missions

Covenant College Coordinating Committee Member since 2005

I preach for weekly worship services at WVUMC as well as International Church revivals, seminars and workshops. I have been the keynote speaker for numerous women's conferences, seminars on evangelism and was keynote speaker for the Miracles, Healing and Deliverance Service for the Kingdom Builder Prayer Institute, and presenter for the WVUMC Women's Advance Conference 2006, "Women Mentoring Women."

Globally, I conduct evangelistic revivals, Leadership Development for Pastors and congregations, and ministries to the needy in the Caribbean, the Czech Republic, Mexico, Nigeria, Ghana and Kenya. I have also served as Missions Pastor responsible for individual Pastoral Coaching and Marital Coaching.

I have taught a 10-week class called the "Ministry Inquiry Process" each fall and spring. This class is intended to assist any person in the UMC to listen to God's call to Ordained Ministry.

Recently I led major projects: Medical Clinic in the 3rd ward of Houston and the building of the Kingdom Builder's Center in Kenya which will house an Orphanage for Aids orphans, a church, and a Community Center.

**Name: Dr. James L. “Jim” Killen**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 143**

Current Appointment: Retired

Year of Ordination: 1955

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

DM in.-Perkins School of Theology

Appointment Experience:

Retired

Experience:

I retired from the pulpit of Trinity Church in Beaumont on December 31, 1999, after serving as a pastor in the Texas Annual Conference for forty-four years. I served churches of all types and sizes, from open country circuits and county seat towns, to large regional churches. I was the organizing pastor of Ashford UMC in Houston.

I was active in a number of Conference boards and agencies, including district youth camps, a term as Chair of the Division of Education, and twelve years as a member of the Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. I served as a delegate to four sessions of the World Methodist Conference meeting in Singapore, Rio, Brighton and Seoul.

Since retirement, I have served two interim ministries, taught in the School for Local Pastors and the Perkins Course of Study School at Lon Morris College, and had a ministry of writing. I presently have three books in print: *Who Do You Say that I Am? Reflections on Jesus, A Personal Reader*; *What Does the Lord Require? Reflections on Major Moral and Social Issues* and *Pastoral Care in Small Membership Churches*.

I have taken training to serve as an interim minister. Being retired, I have the time and energy to commit to the very demanding task of being a delegate to the General Conference.

**Name: Rev. Jim Leggett**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 144**

Current Appointment: Grace Fellowship UMC-Katy

Year of Ordination: 1990

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-Texas A & M University (Chemical Engineering)

M.Div.-Asbury Theological Seminary

D.Min.-Fuller Theological Seminary

Appointment Experience:

Associate Pastor, First UMC Waco, 1990-1992

Senior Pastor, Hearne-Gause Charge, 1992-1996

Senior Pastor, Grace Fellowship UMC-Katy, 1996-present

Experience:

What I feel I can best offer as a delegate to General Conference is a strong emphasis on seeking God through prayer and God's word. I will seek to uphold, defend, and spread Biblical orthodox faith. I will vote for more streamlining, less bureaucracy, more accountability, and to keep the current wording of the Discipline on homosexuality.

I am a life-long Methodist and have served in the Texas Annual Conference for 16 years. Conference-wide service includes District Finance, leadership at several Lay Speakers Schools, leadership at Clergy Retreat, and leadership of several conference-wide prayer events. I had the privilege of planting Grace Fellowship UMC in Katy.

**Name: Rev. Kenneth R. Levingston**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 145**

Current Appointment: First UMC Houston

Year of Ordination: 2002

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: African American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-University of Houston

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology

Appointment Experience:

I have served in diverse settings, rural, urban & multi-ethnic for 22 years. I have served congregations with single digit membership and mega membership.

Experience:

I have had the privilege to serve the Conference in the following areas: CORE Leadership Team, Ethnic Local Church Concerns Committee, Local Pastor's School (preaching), Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns and Conference Camping Committee.

Through my experiences I have learned humility, to seek the clear consistent witness of scripture, the leading of the Holy Spirit and having done so to do what is right with love and compassion.

**Name: Rev. Patricia A. Lewis**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 146**

Current Appointment: Salem UMC

Year of Ordination: 1999

Gender: Female

Racial/Ethnic Group: African American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

Lamar University, 1993 (Social Work/Psychology)

M.Div.-Interdenominational Theological Center-Atlanta GA, 1997

Appointment Experience:

St. Paul's UMC, 1996-1999

St. Andrew's UMC, 1999-2002

Orange-Salem UMC-Beaumont, 2002-present

Experience:

I was a member of the Ethnic Local Church Concerns Committee since 2004 and secretary for two years.

I was a teller for the 2004 Annual Conference.

I have worked with many people while serving on the ELCC for the past four years. This was a great experience. I was privileged to select needy churches in the Conference and continue their ministries through the funding of the ELCC.

**Name: Rev. Morris Matthis**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 147**

Current Appointment: Christ UMC-Sugar Land

Year of Ordination: 1983

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-Stephen F. Austin University

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology

Appointment Experience:

Alba-Golden UMC, 1983-1984

Newcastle Circuit, Northern Ireland, 1984-1985

First UMC Somerville, 1985-1988

First UMC Bullard, 1988-1990

Faith UMC-Richmond, 1990-2000

Clear Lake UMC, 2000-2006

Christ UMC-Sugar Land, 2006-present

Experience:

I am presently a member of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry and am serving as a mentor pastor to a Developing Connectional Ministry group. I have been a member in past years of the Lakeview Board of Trustees, UM ARMY, various conference task forces, and district committees. I have had the privilege of serving as a delegate to General Conference in 1996 & 2004. My focus in the past has been finding ways to lift up the local church within the polity of our denomination. That is still my desire. There is no question that having gone two times before has given me a better understanding of the process and how to work successfully in it. I have not come close to accomplishing my personal goal of creating a basic philosophical shift in how our denomination gathers funds in support of our general church ministries. I have been a part of creating and shaping legislation which I think has been helpful to our life together. I believe we stand at a significant moment in our denomination's unfolding story. If we are faithful to the Spirit's leading, I am certain God has great things in store for us. I am grateful to serve as the pastor of a local church and believe I have gifts to offer in being a part of the work of General Conference.

**Name: Rev. Joel D. McMahon IV**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 148**

Current Appointment: Friendship UMC-Porter

Year of Ordination: 1997

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-Texas A & M University, 1990

M.Div.-Asbury Theological Seminary, 1995

Additional doctoral level course work has been completed at Asbury

Appointment Experience:

Associate Pastor-Kingwood UMC, 1995-1997

First UMC Overton, 1998-2000

First UMC Hawkins, 2001-2006

Friendship UMC-Porter, 2006-present

Experience:

During the past few years, I have had opportunities to serve on the Division of Single Adult Ministries briefly on the Division of Worship, as registrar for Tri-District Camp, as a member of the Board of the Tri-District School of Leadership, as a Commissioner for the Methodist Children's Home in Waco, and in several positions on the District Level. The variety of positions and appointments at large, medium, and small congregations, has cultivated a broad frame of reference encompassing an integrated view of ministry rather than a narrow band of disjointed ministry interests. With these experiences and insights, my hope is to be a part of a General Conference that addresses issues from a "big picture" point of view, setting a course of ministry for denominational ministry that reaches souls for Christ by touching hearts and lives.

**Name: Dr. Charles Millikan**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 149**

Current Appointment: Vice-President of The Methodist Healthcare System

Year of Ordination: 1969

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-Southwestern University

MTh.-Perkins School of Theology

DM in.-Drew University

Appointment Experience:

I have served churches from rural to urban, both small in membership and large. I have worked and served throughout the Texas Annual Conference as a church pastor to a District Superintendent and now as Vice-President of The Methodist Healthcare System.

Experience:

Having represented the Texas Annual Conference in the last three Jurisdictional Conferences, I can bring experience and memory. But I can also bring a passion and desire for the underserved in our society to be more ably helped both in the health care system and in the church. I would sincerely appreciate the opportunity for us to make a difference in 2008 and beyond.

**Name: Dr. J.B. Morris**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 150**

Current Appointment: Rock Hill UMC

Year of Ordination: 2001

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

Paris Junior College, 1955-1957

B.S.-Stephen F. Austin State University, 1959

M.Ed.-Stephen F. Austin State University, 1960

Sp. Degree-University of Wyoming, 1968

Doctorate-Baylor University, 1970

Elder's Orders-Perkins School of Theology, 1999

Appointment Experience:

Cad Memorial/Mt. Hope, 1992-1993

Carlisle-Henry's Chapel, 1993-1995

Bettie/Diana, 1995-2000

Carthage Parish, 2000-2003

Grand Saline, 2003-2005

Rock Hill UMC, 2005-present

Experience:

In the Texas Conference, I had the pleasure to serve on the Committee of St. Stephen. We were able to help the needy people in the conference. I have been an instructor for the Licensing School at Lon Morris College. I served the President of the Central Texas United Methodist Men.

My experience as a lay leader and clergy in the UMC along with the understanding of the polity of the UMC will allow me to serve the clergy and the people.

**Name: Dr. Jerry Neff**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 151**

Current Appointment: District Superintendent, North District

Year of Ordination: 1981

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-University of Texas at Arlington, 1979 (Political Science)

MTh.-Perkins School of Theology, 1983

DM in.-Perkins School of Theology, 1993

Appointment Experience:

Associate Pastor, Winona UMC (1 year)

Associate Pastor, First UMC LaPorte (2 years)

Pastor, First UMC Kirbyville (6 years)

Senior Pastor, First UMC Crockett (3 years)

Senior Pastor, A & M UMC (4 years)

Superintendent, North District (3 years)

Experience:

I have served at every level of the church. As District Auditor for Beaumont, Nacogdoches, Bryan and Palestine Districts. District Finance Chair for the Palestine District. I have served at every level of our Summer Camping Program at Lakeview. I served on the District Committee of Ordained Ministry for Palestine, Nacogdoches, Beaumont, and Bryan. I was Chair of the Town & Country Committee (small membership churches) for 6 years. I also served as Vice-Chair of the Commission on Equitable Compensation. I have been a member and Cabinet Representative on the Conference BOM for the past 7 years. I currently serve as Cabinet Statistician. I believe my experience in service at every level of the church has prepared me to serve the church at the General Conference level. My last 3 years on the Cabinet have shown me how imperative change is to the future vitality of the UMC. We should press for change that refocuses the church on our mission, namely, to make disciples of Jesus Christ. I would be an advocate for that kind of change.

**Name: Rev. Martin Nicholas**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 152**

Current Appointment: First UMC Sugar Land

Year of Ordination: 1984

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Native American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

MTh.-Perkins School of Theology

Appointment Experience:

Asbury UMC in the Little Rock Conference

Oak Forest UMC in the Little Rock Conference

Chapelwood UMC, Houston

Sugar Land UMC

Experience:

Through the years, my ministry has focused on making disciples of Jesus Christ, which has provided opportunities for me to serve as a chairperson of Evangelism in the Little Rock Conference, a founding member of the Aldersgate Covenant that developed the mission statement in the Book of Discipline, as a delegate to Jurisdictional Conference in 1988 and on other boards and agencies within the church, as well as the Spiritual Leadership Institute in Houston.

**Name: Rev. Andy Noel**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 153**

Current Appointment: Bering Memorial UMC-Houston

Year of Ordination: 2006

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A. & B.B.A.-Southern Methodist University (Summa Cum Laude)

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology (Magna Cum Laude)

Appointment Experience:

Associate Pastor-St. Luke's UMC-Houston, 1999-2003

Pastor, Montgomery UMC, 2003-2006

Pastor, Bering Memorial UMC, 2006-present

Experience:

My Conference leadership includes serving on the Evangelism Division, the Conference/District Transition Team, and the "Breaking the Silence" Committee. I will bring a strong work ethic, a passion for social justice and constructive debate, and a fresh perspective to the legislative issues that face us in 2008.

**Name: Rev. Thomas J. Pace**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 154**

Current Appointment: St. Luke's UMC-Houston

Year of Ordination: 1979

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-Southern Illinois University, 1978

MTh.-Perkins School of Theology, 1982

DMin.-Drew University, 2001

Appointment Experience:

Associate Pastor-St. Luke's UMC-Houston, 1982-1987

Faith UMC-South Houston, 1987-2000

Bay Harbour UMC-League City, 1990-1995

Christ UMC-Sugar Land, 1995-2006

St. Luke's UMC-Houston, 2006-present

Experience:

I served on the Board of Ordained Ministry for 11 years, chaired "The Gathering" clergy retreat for a quadrennium, served on the Division of Worship, and am currently chairing the Coach Facilitated Peer Group Task Force for the Center for Clergy Excellence. All of these experiences remind me that we must focus on local churches, providing transformational resources to develop competent lay and clergy leaders who lead rather than manage, who focus outward rather than inward, and who will be innovative in new strategies to reach a changing world.

**Name: Dr. Burt Palmer**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 155**

Current Appointment: First UMC Houston

Year of Ordination: 1992

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-Hendrix College (Religion)

M.Div.-Duke University Divinity School

D.Min.-Perkins School of Theology

I.C.P.C. Certified Chaplain

Appointment Experience:

Associate Pastor-First UMC Lewisville

Pastor, First UMC Nocona

Founding Pastor-Suncreek UMC, Allen

Pastor-Calvary UMC, Paris

Executive Pastor-First UMC Houston

Experience:

At the Conference Level I have served: Episcopacy Committee, Board of Ordained Ministry, Committee on Preparations and Qualifications, Elder, Bishop's Task Force on Church Development and as registrar for the Board of Ordained Ministry, I have also served on the Bishop's Task Force on Sexual Ethics and Sexual Ethics Response Team.

At the District level: Committee on Ordained Ministry, Committee on Building and Location, Committee on Ministries, Finance Committee and District Superintendency Committee as Chair.

This experience enables me to serve at the General Conference level by viewing every decision through the lens of the local church where the mission of the church begins

**Name: Rev. Linda Summers Pierce**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 156**

Current Appointment: Christ UMC-Sugar Land

Year of Ordination: 1994

Gender: Female

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-Hendrix College

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology

Graduate work in Ethics

Appointment Experience:

My appointment experience includes serving churches/charges in rural, town, and urban settings in three different Annual Conferences in our Jurisdiction: Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. I've pastored small to medium-size congregations as pastor-in-charge and for the last ten years have served as an executive level associate: first at Boston Avenue UMC in Tulsa Oklahoma and currently, at Christ UMC in Sugar Land. I began in 1987 in a three-point charge as a Licensed Local Pastor, served as a Wesley Foundation associate and was ordained Deacon mid-way through seminary. I've been under appointment as a Full Elder since 1994.

Experience:

I've been on the national training team for DISCIPLE Bible Study for 15 years and have led trainings everywhere from Denver to Chicago to Baltimore to Houston. For several years I coordinated and directed jurisdictional events for adults at Mt. Sequoyah Assembly. I've served as a jurisdictional lab school leader, a United Methodist Women's Christian Mission School leader, Conference Volunteer in Mission trainer/leaders, retreat leader, and Christ/member of a number of different Conference committees, among them: Education, Discipleship, Young Adult Ministry, the Episcopal Committee, Church Locations & Building and COSROW. I've also served as a clergy mentor in three different Annual Conferences. I believe all this experience, my years of active leadership as a layperson, my committed community leadership as a clergy person and my service in several settings and Conferences will help me serve the United Methodist Church at the General Conference level with insight and knowledge.

**Name: Rev. Jeff Powers**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 157**

Current Appointment: First UMC Teague

Year of Ordination: 2000

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-University of Houston (Communications)

M.Div.-Brite Divinity School

Appointment Experience:

Student Associate Pastor-First UMC Pittsburg, 1996-1998

Associate Pastor, Cedar Bayou UMC, 1998-2003

Senior Associate Pastor, First UMC Lake Jackson, June 2003-August 2004

Pastor, First UMC Teague, September 2004 to present

Experience:

I served on the Conference Evangelism Committee from 2003-2006. Also I had the privilege of serving on the Bishop's Ministry Assessment Team in the Spring of 2006.

These experiences have helped me to see the great potential of our Conference to make disciples for Jesus Christ. We have so many local churches and lay people who are eager to see the Texas Annual Conference growing again in a dynamic way. Many pastors hunger for this as well.

My experience at the Conference level of leadership has helped to see our great potential to grow and serve. Sadly, what I also saw was poor stewardship of resources and a lack of direction and purpose. If what we have done as an Annual Conference in the past is in anyway indicative of what happens at the General Conference level, then we have great potential for growth and change.

At General Conference we have an opportunity to enter in the same spirit of reform that is taking place in the Texas Annual Conference. It has been my privilege to see some of this reform take place first-hand. The changes that we are bringing about in Texas can do much to help us to improve our overall ministry at the level of General Conference.

**Name: Rev. Deborah Proctor**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 158**

Current Appointment: St. John's UMC-Texas City

Year of Ordination: 1999-Deacon, 2002-Elder

Gender: Female

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-Houston Baptist University, 1980 (Nursing)

M.A.-Houston Baptist University, 1985 (Psychology)

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology, 1999

Appointment Experience:

Associate Pastor, Holy Covenant UMC-Katy, 1996-2000

Associate Pastor, A & M UMC-College Station, 2000-2005

St. John's UMC-Texas City, 2005-current

Experience:

Conference Board of Pensions, 2004-present

South District, Council on Ministries, 2007-present

South District, Connectional Team, 2007-present

Bryan District, Council on Ministries, 2004-2005

Bryan District, Education Coordinator, 2002-2004

Candidacy Mentor

**Name: Dr. Will Reed**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 159**

Current Appointment: Mission Milby/Technology for All

Year of Ordination: 1976

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-Southwestern University, 1975

MTh.-Perkins School of Theology, 1979

DMin.-Perkins School of Theology, 1985

Pastoral Counseling Residency, Samaritan Center, 1991

Appointment Experience:

Associate Pastor, Memorial Drive UMC, 1998-1983

Founding Pastor, Christ UMC, Sugar Land, 1983-1988

Senior Pastor, Deer Park UMC, 1988-1993

Director Development/Pastor Counselor, Samaritan Center, 1993-1998

President/CEO, Technology for All, 1998-present

Pastor, Milby UMC (Mission Milby), 2002-present

Experience:

In addition to my service to the conference in several committees and leadership positions, I have most recently provided consultation and wisdom to conference staff and leaders in the area of urban ministry. My newest role in urban ministries has created the opportunity for many “learnings” that must be considered as the United Methodist Church re-evaluates its role in urban settings. The numerous church failures in America’s urban core must be addressed as we reclaim our Wesleyan heritage to share the Good News with all of God’s people. Our church has many assets in the urban core of our cities. We need to develop an effective plan across the church to utilize these assets as tools for urban ministry as we reclaim our cities for the cause of Christ.

**Name: Rev. Robert L. Renfroe**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 160**

Current Appointment: The Woodlands UMC

Year of Ordination: 1982

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-Rice University

M.Div.-Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

Appointment Experience:

The Woodlands UMC, 1982-1988

First UMC Atlanta, 1988-1992

Mission Bend UMC, 1992-1998

First UMC Houston, 1998-2001

The Woodlands UMC, 2001-present

Experience:

Delegate to Jurisdictional Conference 2000 & 2004, member of General Board of Church and Society, member of Texas Annual Conference Division of Worship, member of Central North District Committee on Ministry, past chair of Houston North District Committee on Evangelism.

Serving on the past two Jurisdictional Delegations has given me a greater awareness of the important issues facing the church and the process of electing Bishops who will provide visionary leadership for the denomination. My work on the General Board of Church and Society has exposed me to the various, often divergent, views that are held in different parts of the country. My work on that board has also convinced me that persons with differing views can work together for the common good without compromising their own beliefs.

**Name: Rev. John W. Riley**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 161**

Current Appointment: UTMB Galveston-Director of Pastoral Care

Year of Ordination: Deacon 1972, Elder, 1976

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-Southwestern University, 1971

MTh.-Perkins School of Theology, 1974

B.C.C. (Board Certified Chaplain) 1987

Appointment Experience:

Student Pastor-Edom/Sexton Chapel, 1972-1974

Associate Pastor-Seabrook UMC, 1974-1975

Associate Pastor-St. Luke's UMC, 1975-1978

Senior Pastor-Lindale UMC, 1978-1980

Campus Minister-Wesley Foundation Texas A & M University, 1980-1982

Chaplain-The Methodist Hospital Houston, 1982-1999

Chaplain/Director of Pastor Care-UTMB Galveston, 1999-present

Experience:

I have served the Conference on Board of Church and Society, Division of Campus Ministry, Division of Health and Welfare, Disabilities Committee and Board of Ordained Ministry.

I have three main interests regarding the life of the general church:

Role, relationship, recruitment of those in Extension Ministries of the church.

Active leadership in issues regarding access to basic health care.

Learn to practice what we preach- "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Arms"-without exception.

**Name: Dr. Edmund W. Robb**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 162**

Current Appointment: The Woodlands UMC

Year of Ordination: Deacon/1974, Elder 1977

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-Asbury College

MTh.-Perkins School of Theology

D.D.-Asbury Theological Seminary

Appointment Experience:

Founding/Senior Pastor-The Woodlands UMC, 1978-present

Experience:

Served for 8 years on the Board of Ordained Ministry. My experience as pastor of a church which has transitioned successfully from a new church plant, to a small church, then mid-size, and now large, helps me to understand the needs of the local church.

**Name: Dr. Jack Shelton**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 163**

Current Appointment: Central North District Superintendent

Year of Ordination: Deacon/1962, Elder 1964

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-Lamar University, 1960

B.D.-Perkins School of Theology, 1964

DM in.-Drew University, 1988

Appointment Experience:

Campus Minister/Tyler Junior College, 1964-1966

Pastor, Chandler UMC, 1966-1968

Jacksonville-St. John's UMC, 1968-1/31/1969

Associate Pastor, Bellaire UMC, 2/1/1969-12/31/1972

Pastor, Kingwood UMC, 1/1/1973-8/31/1982

Pastor, First UMC Bryan, 9/1/1982-1986

Pastor, Westminster UMC, 1986-1990

Pastor, First UMC Orange, 1990-1993

Pastor, John Wesley UMC, 1993-2000

Pastor, First UMC Lufkin, 2000-8/30/2004

D.S.-Houston Northwest District, 9/1/2004-2006

D.S.-North District, 2006-present

Experience:

I have served as Dean of the School of Christian Mission. 8 years on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, 4 years as Vice-Chair. 8 years on Board of Pensions, 4 years as Vice-Chair. 8 years on the Insurance Committee, 4 years as Chair.

All of these conference positions along with the variety of congregations I have served give me a wealth of experience on which to draw when considering issues coming before General Conference.

**Name: Dr. Charles B. (Chuck) Simmons**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 164**

Current Appointment: Memorial Drive UMC

Year of Ordination: 1976

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-Centenary College of Louisiana, 1971 (Religion)

M.Div.-Emory University, 1974

Certificat de Institut Ecumenique, University of Geneva, 1975

D.Min.-Emory University, 1978

Appointment Experience:

Associate Pastor, University UMC, Baton Rouge LA, 1975-1978

Director of Church Relations, Centenary College in LA, 1978-1980

Senior Pastor, St. Luke-Simpson UMC, Lake Charles LA, 1980-1985

Senior Pastor, Noel Memorial UMC, Shreveport LA, 1985-1990

Senior Pastor, Broadmoor UMC, Baton Rouge LA, 1990-1998

Senior Pastor, Memorial Drive UMC, 1998-present

Experience:

I have been an elected representative to several Jurisdictional and General Conferences and led Louisiana's delegation in 1996. Being a good delegate demands commitment to the task, competence in the process, and passion for the Church as a whole. After 34 years of parish ministry and leadership at every level of the UMC- including current roles as Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry and Director for the Large Church Initiative- I have proven competence. I understand issues and have skills in legislating, plus a network of relationships. Moreover, I am passionately a United Methodist dedicated to growing faithfulness in our Conference. I would welcome serving again on the Texas Delegation.

**Name: Rev. Gail Ford-Smith**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 165**

Current Appointment: Southwest District Superintendent

Year of Ordination: 1975-Deacon, 1978-Elder

Gender: Female

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

LaMarque High School, 1971

B.A.-University of Denver, 1973 (Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa)

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology

Appointment Experience:

Associate Pastor, Moody Memorial UMC-Galveston, 1977-1979; First UMC Frankston, 1979-1984; Co-Pastor, St. Mark's UMC (Pecore)-Houston, 1984-1987; Friendship UMC-Porter, 1987-1990; Associate Pastor, St. Paul's UMC-Houston, 1990-1992; Cornerstone UMC-Houston, 1992-1997; Senior Pastor, St. Peter's UMC-Katy, 1997-2005; District Superintendent for Houston South/Southwest, 2005-present

Experience:

It has been my joy to serve our Conference in a variety of positions-Chair of the Division of Worship and the Conference Relations Committee of the BOM, Secretary of the Board of Trustees and on the Golden Cross Task Force. I presently serve on the Conference Council on Finance & Administration and the Sexual Ethics Task Force. I'm also honored to be a member of the General Board of Higher Education & Campus Ministries and the National Plan of Hispanic & Latino Ministries. I was a delegate to General & Jurisdictional Conferences in 2000 & 2004 and as an Alternate Delegate to Jurisdictional Conference in 1996.

All my leadership experiences help me focus on what's most important-sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ to persons who have yet to hear it. Our methods and styles may need to change, but I believe God's Spirit is working through the local churches and institutions of the UMC to make a difference in the lives of children, youth and adults across our communities, countries & world. General Conference is an exciting opportunity to see that Spirit continue to have room to move among us with a little more freedom to structure ourselves as God calls us and to identify new funding sources. Working with others to build consensus and to advocate for these vital issues are strengths I bring as well as a working knowledge of how General Conference works. I am passionate about the local church and its role in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the world to the glory of God.

**Name: Dr. Pat Sparks**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 166**

Current Appointment: First UMC Longview

Year of Ordination: 1981

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-East Texas State University

M.Div.-Brite Divinity School

D.Min.-Brite Divinity School

Appointment Experience:

Jefferson Circuit, South Texarkana, Associate Pastor-Tennison Memorial Mt. Pleasant, Avinger & Mims Chapel, Bridges Chapel & Greenhill, Associate Pastor-First UMC Conroe, Linden, Pleasant Retreat, Lindale, Bear Creek-Houston & First UMC Longview

Experience:

I served on the Conference BOM for 12 years, including 4 on the Executive Committee as Treasurer. I was the Chair of the Resolutions Committee for 4 years and I served on the Conference COM for 4 years.

I believe the experiences I had on these committees, along with my pastoral experiences in various size churches from East Texas and the Houston areas will help me represent our Conference well. Through these experiences I have had the opportunity to know and understand our Annual Conference. With this knowledge, along with my own convictions, I would like to have the chance to help lead our denomination into an even better future.

**Name: Dr. Elijah A. Stansell Jr.**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 167**

Current Appointment: Director, Center for Connectional Resources

Year of Ordination: not given

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: African American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology

D.Div.-McCormick Theological Seminary

Appointment Experience:

Local Church Pastor

District Superintendent

Director for the Center for Connectional Resources

Experience:

I have served as Chairperson of Commissions on Race & Religion, Board of Ordained Ministry & the Investigation Committee. These conference experiences coupled with general church experiences provides a broader perspective of the churches vision for one to engage into the ministry work of General Conference. Presently I am serving on GCFA Audit & Review, Board of Pensions, Denominational Health Task Force for General Conference 2008.

**Name: Rev. Tom Stephenson**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 168**

Current Appointment: Atascocita UMC

Year of Ordination: 1986, 1990

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-Texas A & M University, 1982

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology, 1988

Appointment Experience:

Associate Pastor-Mission Bend UMC, 1987-1989

Associate Pastor-Chapelwood UMC, Houston, 1989-1993

Quitman-Liberty UMC, 1993-1996

Bethany UMC-Houston, 1996-1999

Hardy Memorial UMC-Texarkana, 1999-2004

Atascocita UMC, 2004-present

Experience:

I have served on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry since 2000. Since 2004, I have served on the Executive Committee of the Conference BOM as the Psychological Testing Officer. I have greatly enjoyed the interaction with the candidates, and assisting them in the ordination process. If I can assist the General Church and Texas Conference as a delegate, I would be willing to serve.

**Name: Rev. William R. "Bill" Taylor**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 169**

Current Appointment: First UMC Conroe

Year of Ordination: 1973

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

A.A.-Lon Morris College

B.A.-Centenary College of Louisiana

MTh.-Perkins School of Theology

Appointment Experience:

Elysian Fields Circuit, 1971-1973

West University UMC, 1976-1977

Covenant UMC-Houston, 1977-1981

Aldersgate UMC-Santa Fe, 1981-1985

First UMC Wharton, 1985-1990

Spring Woods UMC-Houston, 1990-1995

Texarkana District Superintendent, 1995-2001

First UMC Conroe, 2001-present

Experience:

I am deeply concerned that the UMC appears to be unable to find unity in the midst of our theological diversity. If our denomination is going to survive in the new millennium then it appears to me that we have an obligation to discover theological ground that would both be inclusive and unifying and would affirm all persons who are a part of the United Methodist connection, rather than separating, dividing and disenfranchising faithful and loyal persons in Christ who are United Methodist.

Because I have served the church in a variety of capacities and congregations, small and large, rural and urban, and as an alternate delegate to the 2000 & 2004 General Conference and delegate to the 2004 Jurisdictional Conference, I believe I can listen and respond to the concerns of many. Change, if it is to happen will only occur in the midst of compassionate and open dialogue. For this to take place delegates must be experienced, have passion for the church and be effective listeners. These are qualities that I work hard to employ.

**Name: Dr. Chap Temple**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 170**

Current Appointment: Lakewood UMC-Houston

Year of Ordination: 1975

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-Southern Methodist University, 1974 (Social Science)

B.F.A.-Southern Methodist University, 1974 (Journalism)

M.Div.-Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, 1977

M.A.-Rice University, 1986 (Religious Studies)

Ph.D.-Rice University, 1989 (Religious Studies)

Appointment Experience:

First UMC Brazoria, 1977-1980

East Houston UMC, 1980-1982

First UMC Katy, 1982-1985

First UMC Lindale, 1985-1989

Ashford UMC, 1989-1992

President of Lon Morris College, 1992-1994

Airline UMC, 1994-1995

First UMC Alvin, 1995-2002

Lakewood UMC, 2002-present

Experience:

I have been privileged to be elected as either Jurisdictional Delegate or Alternate from the Texas Annual Conference since 1988. In addition, I have chaired the Conference Board of Global Ministries and the Open Itinerancy Task Force, as well as working as a missionary in Eastern Europe, in our Conference Missions Programs in Russia and the Caribbean, and in several areas of higher education. I am presently helping to lead in the clergy recruitment program of the Board of Ordained Ministry which has given me insight into several concerns which I would like to see addressed further at the general church level. Having taught seminary courses in UM Polity for the past several years, I am also well acquainted with the workings of a General Conference and believe I could be helpful in such a setting.

**Name: Dr. Karl Tewold**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 171**

Current Appointment: Grace UMC-Baytown

Year of Ordination: 1996

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-Penn State University, 1974

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology, 1994

D.Min.-Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Appointment Experience:

Asbury UMC-Tyler, 1993-1995

Normangee/Flynn UMC, 1995-1998

First UMC Teague, 1998-2001

Christ UMC-College Station, 2001-2003

Highlands UMC, June-December 2006

Grace UMC-Baytown, January 2006-present

Experience:

Conference Committee on Finance & Administration-8 years

Conference Committee on Higher Education & Campus Ministry-1 year

Although I am primarily a church pastor, my ministry on these Conference committees has helped me appreciate the bigger picture of ministry at the Conference level, understand the importance of local churches contributing to the well-being of the churches served by the Annual Conference, and learn how the Annual Conference can support the ministries of the local churches. As a mediator, my experience may help resolve conflicts that may arise while issues are debated. I look forward to this opportunity to serve our United Methodist Church at this level of ministry.

**Name: Rev. Paul Thomasson**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 172**

Current Appointment: First UMC Carthage

Year of Ordination: 1982

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-Southwestern University, 1980 (Religion/English)

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology, 1984

Appointment Experience:

Oakwood UMC, 2 years

Payne Springs UMC, 4 years

First UMC Mt. Belvieu, 3 1/2 years

Coldspring UMC, 4 1/2 years

First UMC Wharton, 5 years

First UMC Carthage, 2006-present

Experience:

Over the years some of the Conference organizations I've served include the Golden Cross Task Force, the Greater Houston Leadership Education School, the Tri-District Education School, the Division of Education, District Auditor, District Camp Registrar, and District Finance Committee Chairperson.

My greatest prayer for General Conference is for it to find ways to reduce controversies within the church. Controversy almost invariably costs the church dearly in terms of morale, membership, money and ministry.

Specifically, I especially believe the current wording and church law within the Discipline should not be changed except to give Conferences much greater power in removing clergy.

I believe the average Methodist is moderate-to-conservative theologically and should be represented as such at the General Conference level.

**Name: Rev. Carol Clifford Turner**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 173**

Current Appointment: First UMC Lufkin

Year of Ordination: 1982

Gender: Female

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

Center High School-Center, Texas

B.A.-Stephen F. Austin University, 1976

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology, 1981

Appointment Experience:

Douglassville/Union Chapel

Red Bayou/Daniel's Chapel

Maud/Old Boston

St. Luke's UMC, Texarkana

Perritte Memorial

Longview District

Senior Pastor, First UMC Lufkin

Experience:

Most recently I have served on the Strategic Mapping Team helping to design the new Model for Ministry for The Texas Annual Conference. I would like the opportunity to bring that same vision for helping local churches make disciples for Jesus Christ to the General Conference.

Center for Clergy Excellence Team

District Superintendent-Longview District

General & Jurisdictional Delegate in 2004

Council on Finance & Administration

Joint Program

Conference Missions

Worship

Equitable Compensation

**Name: Dr. Michael Franklin “Frank” Varro**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 174**

Current Appointment: Westchase UMC

Year of Ordination: EPC-1997, UMC-2005

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

M.Div., M.A., D.Min. in Counseling and D.M.A. (Doctor of Music Arts)

LPC and CPE-St. Luke's Hospital

Appointment Experience:

Presbyterian Church (EPC), 1997-2001

Countryside UMC-Splendora, 2001-2006

Westchase UMC, 2006 to present

Experience:

Asian Ministries

Race & Religion Committee

Ethnic Council Ministries

I have knowledge of the overall mission of the UMC, world view of ministry in Christ's Church and knowledge gained from the UMC polity.

**Name: Rev. Anthony (Tony) Vinson**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 175**

Current Appointment: Clear Lake UMC

Year of Ordination: 1979

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-Texas Wesleyan University, 1976

M.Div.-Brite Divinity School, 1983

Appointment Experience:

Murchison/H.C.J.C., 1977-1980

Associate Pastor, First UMC Conroe, 1980-1984

Associate Pastor, Spring Woods UMC, 1984-1988

Nacogdoches Perritte, 1988-1993

Giddings/Paige, 1993-1997

First UMC Humble, 1997-2006

Clear Lake UMC, 2006-present

Experience:

Over the years in this conference I have been privileged to serve in many capacities. I have served as Chair of the Division of Campus Ministry for a quadrennium, as a member of the Conference Board of Ministry, as the chair of the District Committee on Ministry, on the District Finance Committee, on the Board of the GHLES, as a district Youth Coordinator, and have directed numerous district camps and mid-winter retreats for youth. I was the host pastor of the first two UM ARMY camps while serving as campus minister in Athens Texas and helped contribute to the organization of that important mission of the church. I have served on the Conference Council and the Conference Joint Program Committee along with numerous other boards and committees throughout my conference membership.

I must say that my servant leadership in this conference has been for only one reason, I love the church of Christ and am willing to serve her if I am asked. While I have no compelling "fire in my belly" to be elected as a delegate to General/Jurisdictional Conference, I would do so with faithfulness to my calling, integrity, and that same high regard for the United Methodist Church.

**Name: Dr. Don R. Waddleton**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 176**

Current Appointment: Superintendent-South District

Year of Ordination: 1991

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: African American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

Prairie View A & M

Perkins School of Theology-Course of Study

St. Paul Seminary-Course of Study

DDiv.-McCormick Theological Seminary

Appointment Experience:

Centerville Circuit, 1977-1980

Marshall Concordia 1980-1983

Marshall Circuit, 1983-1986

Marshall Red Oak, 1986-1989

McCabe, Longview, 1989-1991

Asbury UMC, Tyler, 1991-1993

Salem, Orange, 1993-1997

Jones Memorial, Houston, 1997-2003

Superintendent-Hou. East Dist., 2003-2006

Superintendent-South District, 2006-present

Experience:

I have served on the following Conference committees:

Vision 2000

Evangelism Committee

Board of Trustees

Equitable Salary

Finance & Administration (Chairperson)

Board of Directors-Lakeview

Board of Directors-Lon Morris College

Serving on the various committees and a wide variety of congregations has prepared me to be a voice of this great Annual Conference.

**Name: Dr. Darnell L. Walker, Sr.**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 177**

Current Appointment: Retired

Year of Ordination: 1958 & 1960

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: African American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-Prairie View A & M College

M.S.-Prairie View A & M College

MTh.-Perkins School of Theology

M.A.-Scarritt College (Evangelism)

DMin.-Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Conference Course of Study on Conference Membership & Ordinations–Gulfside  
Methodist Assembly

Appointment Experience:

Hufsmith Circuit, 1955-1956

Anderson Circuit, 1956-1963

Brookshire Circuit, 1963-1964

Bellville Circuit, 1964-1972

Fairfield Circuit, 1972-1977

First UMC Prairie View/Prairie View A & M University Wesley Foun., 1977-1982

Ebenezer & Wiley College, 1982-1988

Wesley Tabernacle UMC-Galv., 1988-1991

Love UMC-Houston, 1991-1997

Pleasantville/Grace UMC, 1997-2004

Experience:

Committee on Higher Education, Chair & Vice-Chair of the Division of Stewardship, Division of Family Ministries, Treasurer for the Board of the School of Christian Mission, Division of Church & Society, Division of Evangelism, Commission on Archives & History, Committee of Ethnic Local Church Concerns, Administrative Review Committee, served as Usher & Page of Jurisdictional and General Conference, Teller for Texas Annual Conference.

In addition to the above Conference and beyond levels of leadership experience, I have served in other positions on District before and since merger. I served on committees, planning for the merger. Having experience in the history of the church and observing changes from time to time, I feel that I can make great contributions. I feel that there is a need for persons who have served in the smaller member churches. Having served as a pastor for forty-nine years in both the Central Jurisdiction and merged church, I feel that I have something to contribute from the historical prospective which will be beneficial to and for the ongoing church in the future.

**Name: Rev. Robert E. Webb**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 178**

Current Appointment: Westminster UMC

Year of Ordination: 1989

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-Texas A & M University, 1975 (Civil Engineering)

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology, 1987

Appointment Experience:

Mt. Sylvan-Union Chapel, 1983-1985

Edom-Sexton Chapel, 1985-1987

Associate Pastor, St. Luke's UMC & Wesley Foundation, 1987-1990

Grace UMC, Palestine, 1990-1995

First UMC Gilmer, 1995-2000

First UMC Jasper, 2000-2004

Westminster UMC, 2004-present

Experience:

I have had very little experience at the Conference Level. I have served faithfully in the charges/churches where I have been appointed. I have struggled with the challenges of building up my churches in areas where growth is not happening. I am now serving a church where the potential is unlimited, but the challenges equally as demanding. In my humble opinion, I know what it's like to commit my full time, energy and expertise to the ministry, only to experience limited success. Pastoring large churches or a District doesn't provide all the knowledge one needs to be an effective delegate to General Conference. I have much to offer, and it would be a privilege to represent the Texas Conference.

**Name: Rev. Jimmy M. Welch**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 179**

Current Appointment: Superintendent-Central South District

Year of Ordination: 1978

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-University of Houston

MTh.-Perkins School of Theology

Appointment Experience:

First UMC Longview

Grace UMC, Baytown

First UMC Bay City

St. Paul's UMC, Houston

Christ UMC, Houston

Needville UMC

Student Appt.-Edom Sexton Chapel

Experience:

Board Member-Volunteers of America

Board Member-Methodist Children's Home-Waco

Clergy Delegate to General Conference in 2000 and 2004

Numerous Board, Agencies and Committees of the UMC

**Name: Dr. Stephen P. Wende**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 180**

Current Appointment: First UMC Houston

Year of Ordination: 1997

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-University of Texas

M.Div.-Yale Divinity School

D.Min.-Princeton Theological Seminary

Appointment Experience:

I have been privileged to serve appointments in rural, small town, suburban and urban situations. Each has shaped and blessed me in different ways, while also giving me the opportunity to learn from and build friendships with a wide variety of colleagues in ministry.

Experience:

My involvement includes the Board of Ordained Ministry, Task Force on Evangelism, Board of Higher Education & Campus Ministry, and a wide variety of mission and service agencies. It has been an honor to be part of four General Conference delegations and these experiences would be helpful in working with others to achieve real results. This next General Conference must reaffirm the solid, biblical foundation of our church and refocus the energy of our denomination on the evangelical and missional work of our Lord Jesus Christ

**Name: Rev. Richard Preston White, Jr.**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 181**

Current Appointment: First UMC Jasper

Year of Ordination: 1978

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-Stephen F. Austin University

M.Div.-Brite Divinity School

Appointment Experience:

Church Hill Circuit, 1975-1976

Cushing/Libert, 1976-1979

Point UMC, 1979-1981

Bremond/Calvert, 1981-1983

Alexander/Wesley UMC-Bryan, 1983-1986

St. Luke's UMC-Texarkana, 1986-1990

Linden UMC, 1990-1996

First UMC Madisonville, 1996-2004

First UMC Jasper, 2004-present

Experience:

Conference Youth Coordinator, 4 years

South Central Jurisdiction Youth Co-Coordinator-4 years

Conference Camping Chairperson-4 years

Member of the Division of Youth-20 years

Member of Conference Camping-11 years

Secretary of Pensions Committee-1 year

Conference Statistician-6 years

**Name: Dr. John Whitehurst**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 182**

Current Appointment: Ore City UMC

Year of Ordination: 2006

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-Southwestern University, 1990

M.Div.-Candler School of Theology, 1994

DM in.-Drew University, 2000

Appointment Experience:

Associate Pastor, Greggton UMC, 1994-2000

Overton UMC, 2000-2003

Ore City UMC, 2003-present

Experience:

Currently serve on Conference Council on Finance and Administration.  
Immediate pastor board member of UM ARMY for the Texas Conference. Former Chair of Conference Division of Young Adult Ministries. Past Chair of Kilgore College Wesley Foundation Board of Directors.

My experience will represent the young people of East Texas with an attitude and passion to reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ. I bring an open mind and desire to serve Christ in all I do.

**Name: Rev. Guy M. Williams**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 183**

Current Appointment: John Wesley UMC

Year of Ordination: 2005

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-Texas A & M University, 1996

M.Div.-Asbury Theological Seminary, 2002

Appointment Experience:

Associate Pastor-Bellville UMC, January 2002-May 2004

Pastor-First UMC Brownsboro, June 2004-May 2006

Associate Pastor-John Wesley UMC, June 2006-present

Experience:

Member, Division of Campus Ministries, June 2002—May 2004

Chair, Division of Campus Ministries, June 2004-May 2006

Chair, Board of Higher Education & Campus Ministries, June 2006-present

Serving in conference level leadership has exposed me to the joys, challenges, and most of all, promise of connectional ministry. Leading and communicating with as much wisdom, listening, care, clarity, sensitivity, and directness as I can muster with all parties involved-campus ministers, cabinet members, boards of directors, and division/board members-concerning our ministries in the campus context is challenging and deeply rewarding work. I suspect this experience is generally indicative of the work of the church at any level, though certainly with more complexity and nuance at General Conference. Yet, like work in the local congregation and on conference board, division, or committee, the deepest need at General Conference is still for persons prayerfully to seek the Holy Spirit for wisdom and discernment, so that, hearing again the simple call of Christ to come and follow, the various challenges before us are navigable by God's grace.

**Name: Dr. Janice Gilbert-Williams**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 184**

Current Appointment: McKinney UMC-Houston

Year of Ordination: 1999

Gender: Female

Racial/Ethnic Group: African American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.S.-Texas Southern University (Speech Pathology)

M.Ed.-Prairie View A & M University (Education)

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology

PhD.-Cornerstone School of Theology (Christian Counseling)

Appointment Experience:

Assistant, St. James UMC, 1996-1997

Associate Pastor, Trinity UMC, 1997-1999

Pastor, Disciples UMC, 1999-2004

Pastor, McKinney UMC, 2004-present

Experience:

I have served District Camp, Collaborator for Bishop/Provost's Gala, District Nomination Committee, Mentor Pastor, Conference BOM, Chair of BMCR Representative, Special Task Force for Student Clergy, District BOM, Superintendent's Committee, District Lay Teacher, District Lay Committee.

**Name: Rev. Tommy Williams**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 185**

Current Appointment: Woodville UMC

Year of Ordination: 2005

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

Lon Morris College

B.A.-Stephen F. Austin State University

M.Div.-Perkins School of Theology

Appointment Experience:

Reklaw/Sacul Circuit, 1995-1998

Trinidad, 1998-2001

St. Paul's UMC-Houston, 2002-2005

Woodville UMC, 2005-present

Experience:

Core Leadership Team

Ministry Assessment Team

Past Secretary of the Division on Single Adult Ministry

With these experiences in conference leadership roles, I believe I can offer a big picture view of the conference for this new era of ministry. I have served churches in Houston and East Texas, so I believe I can share a perspective that understands ministry in different contexts. I would be honored to serve as a delegate.

**Name: Dr. George Wilson**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 186**

Current Appointment: Lake Rayburn UMC

Year of Ordination: 1975

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-St. Mary's University

M.Div.-Princeton Theological Seminary

D.Min.-Perkins School of Theology

Appointment Experience:

Greggton UMC

Diana UMC- Tyler

Holy Trinity UMC- Houston

Sunset UMC- Pasadena

Alto UMC

Sweeney UMC

St. Paul's UMC- Bryan

Lake Rayburn UMC

Experience:

I have served on the Division of Worship, Diaconate Board, Devotional Life Committee. I am hopeful the church can stay true to its Wesleyan heritage. I firmly support the Confessing Movement and what it stands for.

**Name: Rev. Steve D. Woody**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 187**

Current Appointment: First UMC Pasadena

Year of Ordination: 1996

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.A.S.-Stephen F. Austin University

M.Div.-Brite Divinity School

Appointment Experience:

Fields Chapel, 1988-1990

Pineland UMC, 1990-1993

Wells, Falvey Memorial UMC, 1993-1994

Associate Pastor-First UMC Palestine, 1994-1996

Parkwood UMC-Pasadena, 1996-2001

Old River Terrace UMC-Channelview, 2001-2006

Senior Pastor-First UMC Pasadena, 2006-present

Experience:

Chair of Division of Evangelism

Conference Camping Committee

Steering Committee for Congregational Excellence

Chair of "Radical Hospitality & Outreach"

I have an understanding of the ministry needs of both small and large congregations. I have a passion for bringing persons to a relationship with Jesus Christ. This passion and its primary importance are what I would bring to General Conference.

**Name: Dr. Mark H. Young**

**Assigned Number for Voting: 188**

Current Appointment: Klein UMC

Year of Ordination: Deacon-1979, Elder-1983

Gender: Male

Racial/Ethnic Group: Anglo American

Clergy Status: Full Elder

Education:

B.A.-University of Houston, 1978

MTh.-Perkins School of Theology, 1982

MDiv.-Houston Graduate School of Theology, 2005

Appointment Experience:

Student Pastor-Waller/New Hope, 1977-1978

Intern Pastor-St. Mark's UMC-Baytown, 1980-1981

Student Pastor-Alba/Golden, 1981-1982

Pastor-Garrison/Caledonia, 1982-1984

Associate Pastor-Klein UMC, 1984-1986

Pastor-Wesley Memorial UMC-Huntsville, 1986-1990

Pastor-First UMC Naples, 1990-1993

Pastor-Russell Memorial UMC-Wills Point, 1993-1996

Pastor, Bellaire UMC, 1996-2000

District Superintendent-Beaumont, 2000-2005

Pastor-Klein UMC, 2005-present

Experience:

Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, 1984-1992

Conference Camping Committee, 1992-2000

Board of Directors, Lakeview Conference Center, 1993-1996

Board of Directors, United Methodist Foundation, 1993-1997

Bishop's Evangelism Award, 1995

Houston Board of Missions, 1996-2000

Texas Conference Shalom Zone Ministries, 1997-2000

Delegate World Methodist Conference, Brighton, England, 2001

Jurisdictional Delegate, Corpus Christi, 2004

Dean of the Cabinet, 2004-2005

Center for Clergy Excellence, Covenant Discipleship Coordinator, 2006-present

I believe this new strategy adopted by the TAC in 2006 will be dependent upon forming and maintaining relationships. Relationships are at the heart of transformation. Covenant Discipleship is about deepening one's discipleship, thereby sustaining vital relationships and mutually encouraging fellow clergy in "Making Disciples-Transforming the World."

**Balloting for Clergy Delegates**  
**To General and Jurisdictional Conferences**  
*Names & Identifying Numbers of Persons Whose Resumes*  
*Are Included in this Booklet*

100 Dr. Frank Alegria	140 Rev. Rhenel Y. Johnson
101 Rev. Isabell “Mopsy” Andrews	141 Rev. Nancy Kellond
102 Rev. Stacy Pever-Anzick	142 Rev. Velosia Kibe
103 Rev. Bert Bagley	143 Dr. James L. “Jim” Killen
104 Rev. Charles Bagley	144 Rev. Jim Leggett
105 Rev. Gary Bagley	145 Rev. Kenneth R. Levingston
106 Rev. David Banks	146 Rev. Patricia A. Lewis
107 Dr. Jim Bankston	147 Rev. Morris Matthis
108 Rev. James A. Bass	148 Rev. Joel D. McMahon IV
109 Rev. Richard M. Bauman	149 Dr. Charles Millikan
110 Rev. John C. Berny	150 Dr. J.B. Morris
111 Rev. Wanda Jean Taylor Bess	151 Dr. Jerry Neff
112 Dr. Earl W. Bledsoe	152 Rev. Martin Nicholas
113 Rev. Jesse M. Brannen, Jr.	153 Rev. Andy Noel
114 Rev. Jerome Brimmage	154 Rev. Thomas J. Pace
115 Dr. Richard A. Burnham	155 Dr. Burt Palmer
116 Rev. Jonathan Bynum	156 Rev. Linda Summers Pierce
117 Dr. Allison Cambre	157 Rev. Jeff Powers
118 Rev. Peter Cammarano	158 Rev. Deborah Proctor
119 Rev. Randy Carrion	159 Dr. Will Reed
120 Rev. Christi R. Conway	160 Rev. Robert L. Renfroe
121 Dr. Karen S. Dorris	161 Rev. John W. Riley
122 Rev. Marlin Fenn	162 Dr. Edmund W. Robb
123 Rev. Jim Foster	163 Dr. Jack Shelton
124 Rev. Mike Fraley	164 Dr. Chuck Simmons
125 Rev. Jeff Gage	165 Rev. Gail Ford-Smith
126 Rev. Capri Grimes	166 Dr. Pat Sparks
127 Dr. Francis E.W. Guidry	167 Dr. Elijah A. Stansell, Jr.
128 Rev. Randy Hageman	168 Rev. Tom Stephenson
129 Dr. Dan Hannon	169 Rev. William R. “Bill” Taylor
130 Dr. Gail Harrelson	170 Dr. Chap Temple
131 Rev. Vincent Harris	171 Dr. Karl Tewold
132 Rev. Chris Harrison	172 Rev. Paul Thomasson
133 Rev. Cynthia Fierro Harvey	173 Rev. Carol Clifford Turner
134 Dr. Betty Jo Hightower	174 Dr. Frank Varro
135 Rev. Cynthia T. Hinson	175 Rev. Tony Vinson
136 Dr. Richard Heyduck	176 Dr. Don R. Waddleton
137 Rev. Godfrey Hubert	177 Dr. Darnell L. Walker, Sr.
138 Rev. Matt Idom	178 Rev. Robert E. Webb
139 Rev. Jay K. Jackson	179 Rev. Jimmy Welch

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	506	515	524	533	542	551	560	569	578	587	596	
	507	516	525	534	543	552	561	570	579	588	597	
	508	517	526	535	544	553	562	571	580	589	598	
600	600	609	618	627	636	645	654	663	672	681	690	699
	601	610	619	628	637	646	655	664	673	682	691	
	602	611	620	629	638	647	656	665	674	683	692	
	603	612	621	630	639	648	657	666	675	684	693	
	604	613	622	631	640	649	658	667	676	685	694	
	605	614	623	632	641	650	659	668	677	686	695	
	606	615	624	633	642	651	660	669	678	687	696	
	607	616	625	634	643	652	661	670	679	688	697	
	608	617	626	635	644	653	662	671	680	689	698	
700	700	709	718	727	736	745	754	763	772	781	790	799
	701	710	719	728	737	746	755	764	773	782	791	
	702	711	720	729	738	747	756	765	774	783	792	
	703	712	721	730	739	748	757	766	775	784	793	
	704	713	722	731	740	749	758	767	776	785	794	
	705	714	723	732	741	750	759	768	777	786	795	
	706	715	724	733	742	751	760	769	778	787	796	
	707	716	725	734	743	752	761	770	779	788	797	
	708	717	726	735	744	753	762	771	780	789	798	
800	800	809	818	827	836	845	854	863	872	881	890	899
	801	810	819	828	837	846	855	864	873	882	891	
	802	811	820	829	838	847	856	865	874	883	892	
	803	812	821	830	839	848	857	866	875	884	893	
	804	813	822	831	840	849	858	867	876	885	894	
	805	814	823	832	841	850	859	868	877	886	895	
	806	815	824	833	842	851	860	869	878	887	896	
	807	816	825	834	843	852	861	870	879	888	897	
	808	817	826	835	844	853	862	871	880	889	898	

## **Delegates Elected to General & Jurisdictional Conference**

### **General Conference Delegates:**

- 1.
- 2.
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### **Jurisdictional Conference Delegates:**

- 1.
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### **Alternates:**

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