

**THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

John R. Wilson, Conference Secretary
118 Charles Street, Dorseyville, PA 15238-1008
Phone 412-767-5646 conference.secretary@wpaumc.org Fax 412-767-0501

To the Voting Members of the 2011 Annual Conference

Attached are the Personal Data Sheets I received from individuals willing to be considered by this annual conference for election to the 2012 General Conference and the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

I did not edit any of their content. In some cases, I was responsible for adding the photo or removing extra spacing to keep the forms to one page. Because the form was electronic several submissions did not include a signature. My advice is to presume that by submitting this form the participants are in agreement with the covenant regardless of whether or not an actual signature appears on these pages.

John R. Wilson
Conference Secretary

GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to conference.secretary@wpaumc.org

Name: Larry Beatty

District/Church: Connellsville Dist/Jumonville

Address: 887 Jumonville Rd

City: Hopwood

ZIP: 15445

Email: larry@jumonville.org

Primary Phone: (724) 439-4912



Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website)

<input type="checkbox"/> Apostleship	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prophecy	<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tongues
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teaching	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Encouragement	<input type="checkbox"/> Discernment	<input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Knowledge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wisdom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assisting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Miracles	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Giving	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leadership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compassion	<input type="checkbox"/> Healing	_____

List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

- President of Jumonville for 28 years (past camp counselor and camp dean for numerous events)
- past national board chair for Christian Camp & Conference Association as well as 2 terms as NE Regional Director on national board
- past member of local church administrative Board and council of ministries
- past youth group leader
- member of Camping & Retreat Ministries Team
- member of several different UM Conference Task Force Groups
- former leader of Conference Computer Users Group
- past delegate to Jurisdictional conference
- lead numerous workshops at nation UM Camp Leaders Gathering as well as for Christian Camp & Conference Association national conferences

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

I've spent 28 years as the President of Jumonville. I have a keen interest in spiritual renewal and vitality in the UMC and am committed to seeing all persons have the opportunity to accept Christ and grow in their relationship to Him. My spiritual gifts and my experience will help me to discern proper policy for our church.

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

I believe that loss of membership, vitality, and lack of personal relationships with Christ and with other church members are key issues facing the UMC. Loss of membership will not be an issue if we renew and strengthen our relationship with Christ first and each other second. Vitality and increased members will result from these basics.

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

At a meeting at annual conference last year, I felt the Lord leading me to be willing to have my name submitted as a delegate. Several people confirmed that I should follow that lead.

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

- o to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- o to commit to attend **all** pre-conference delegation meetings
- o to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL **and** ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- o to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

Larry Beatty
Signature

December 30, 2010

Date

GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to conference.secretary@wpaumc.org

Name Jack A Bennett District/Church Indiana / Manorville UMCAddress 115 Crane Drive City Kittanning, Pa ZIP 16201Email jackstracks@kittanning.us Primary Phone 724-548-7117

Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website)

<input type="checkbox"/> Apostleship	<input type="checkbox"/> Prophecy	<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism	<input type="checkbox"/> Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Tongues
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teaching	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Encouragement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discernment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interpretation
<input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wisdom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assisting	<input type="checkbox"/> Miracles	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Giving	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leadership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compassion	<input type="checkbox"/> Healing	

List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

Local: Lay Leader, Certified Lay Speaker, Council Chair, Chair of Trustees, Charge PPRC Chair, SS Teacher (HS)

District: District BOOM (8 yrs), District Board of Superintendency

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

I have the time and resources combined with the gifts and the courage necessary to make the tough choices for our Church.

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

Homosexuality – We must be inclusive but adhere to the discipline of the Church.

Inclusiveness – total inclusiveness as described in the discipline (without discrimination) cannot be achieved-a compromise must be authored.

Multiculturalism (diversity)– a politically charged issue that is positive for the Church but divisive for the country.

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

I have the conservative voice of rural America and the courage necessary to represent our Church.

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

- ☐ to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- ☐ to commit to attend all pre-conference delegation meetings
- ☐ to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL and ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- ☐ to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

Jack A Bennett
Signature

28 December 2010
Date



GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to conference.secretary@wpaumc.org

Name Donald C Blystone District/Church: Erie/Meadville Centerville

Address 7849 Route 97 City Union City PA ZIP 16438

Email dcblystone@gmail.com Primary Phone 814-566-0984

Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website)

<input type="checkbox"/> Apostleship	<input type="checkbox"/> Prophecy	<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism	<input type="checkbox"/> Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Tongues
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teaching	<input type="checkbox"/> Encouragement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discernment	<input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation
<input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/> Wisdom	<input type="checkbox"/> Assisting	<input type="checkbox"/> Miracles	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <u> </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Giving	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/> Compassion	<input type="checkbox"/> Healing	<input type="checkbox"/> <u> </u>

List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

--Lay Leader -- Sunday School Teacher --PPR chair --Trustee --Youth Leader --Nominating com. --Church Council
 --Erie/Meadville District Lay Leader (and other corresponding com.) --DCOM --District Superintendency Com.
 --Conf. Camping and Retreat Com. --Conf. Nominating Com. --Bishop Lay Cabinet

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

The gifts God continues to develop within me include discernment, helping me to understand the issues, and teaching, enabling me to help others understand the issues. As a district lay leader, I have gained a thorough familiarity with grassroots United Methodism.

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

The four areas of focus facing the church are fantastic goals to strive for in making Disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world. I fully support listening to, learning from and working with the poor to alleviate poverty. Imagine No Malaria and digging water wells are two awesome examples of improving global health. Given the decline of recent decades, it is critical we create new places for new people. True discipleship demands we support current church leaders while equipping new leaders for the future.

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

The timing is right. I believe God has been preparing me. I enjoy reading, learning about legislation and discerning how to vote.

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

- o to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- o to commit to attend **all** pre-conference delegation meetings
- o to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL **and** ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- o to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

Donald C Blystone

Signature

12/25/10

Date

GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to conference.secretary@wpaumc.org

Name Donna L. Burkhart District/Church Erie/Meadville FUMC, ErieAddress 1308 Hardscrabble Blvd City Erie ZIP 16505Email dlb4813@roadrunner.com Primary Phone 814-866-2781 Cell 814-431-9343

Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website)

<input type="checkbox"/> Apostleship	<input type="checkbox"/> Prophecy	<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Tongues
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teaching	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Encouragement	<input type="checkbox"/> Discernment	<input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation
<input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/> Wisdom	<input type="checkbox"/> Assisting	<input type="checkbox"/> Miracles	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Giving	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/> Compassion	<input type="checkbox"/> Healing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administration

List **Leadership** Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

Local—Missions, Evangelism, UMW President

District—UMW: Mission Coordinator for Social Action, Education & Interpretation, President; Certified Lay Speaker; CLM

Conference—UMW: Mission Coordinator for Social Action, Vice-President, President; Assistant Dean and Dean of the Cooperative School of Christian Mission; Chair of the Hunger Committee; Dean of Exceptional Persons Camp—1985 to 2008..

Served on Sessions (Privileges & Courtesies); Church & Society; CoRR, Lay Leadership,

Served on the Ruth M. Smith Board

Served on Boards of the Chautauqua Methodist Mission House & Fenton Deaconess House

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of **150 words** (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).**Section I:** How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

I have knowledge of the Books of Discipline & Resolutions. I have an open mind to weigh all sides of an issue using the Bible, the Books of Discipline and Resolutions, John Wesley's writings and spiritual discernment. I am an organized person who takes my obligations, responsibilities and commitments seriously. I work well with others.

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

All issues facing the church relate to two main issues: "Are we loving our neighbor as ourselves?" and "Are we being led by the Holy Spirit?" In facing any issue we have to answer those questions. Through spiritual discernment, reading scriptures, praying, using experience and tradition, I will try to help the church resolve any issues.

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

After praying, I feel that the Holy Spirit is urging me to allow my name to be placed in nomination and to be concerned about & respond to the various issues facing the church with an open mind & heart.

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

- to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- to commit to attend **all** pre-conference delegation meetings
- to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL **and** ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

Signature Donna L. BurkhartDate September 30, 2010

GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to conference.secretary@wpaumc.org

Name: Randy Degenkolb

District/Church: Indiana / Purchase Line

Address: 315 Sebring Rd

City: Marion Center, PA

ZIP: 15759

Email: degenkolb@comcast.net

Primary Phone: 724-254-2432



Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website)

<input type="checkbox"/> Apostleship	<input type="checkbox"/> Prophecy	<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Tongues
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teaching	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Encouragement	<input type="checkbox"/> Discernment	<input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation
<input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/> Wisdom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assisting	<input type="checkbox"/> Miracles	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Giving	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/> Compassion	<input type="checkbox"/> Healing	<input type="text"/>

List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

- >Finance Chairperson of local church
- >Former Part-time local pastor (by D.S. appointment)
- >Certified Lay Speaker
- >Former Choir Director and have served on many committees of local congregation

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

My leadership experiences within (and outside) the church cause me to consider the potential impacts of policy decisions at all levels. My spiritual gifts of giving, leadership, teaching, encouragement, assisting, and faith combine a caring heart with a common sense approach.

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

It is my position that the "development of principled Christian leaders for the church and the world" who are mature in the faith and sensitive to the many needs of this hurting world is vital to unite and motivate our church body to meet the many challenges of our time.

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

My vision for our church is one of mature growth based upon the personal holiness and the sacrificial spirit of individual members completely dedicated to the healing message of Jesus Christ. While I bring a sincere desire that our church be united I also respect principled Christian leadership which often restores us to the timeless values of Christianity.

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

- o to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- o to commit to attend **all** pre-conference delegation meetings
- o to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL **and** ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- o to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

Randy Degenkolb
Signature

December 28, 2010

Date

GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to conference.secretary@wpaumc.orgName ERIC DUDA District/Church EM / LOWVILLEAddress 9165 TOWNHALL ROAD City WATTSBURG ZIP 16442Email erpaalai@zoominternet.net Primary Phone 814-739-2816

Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website)

<input type="checkbox"/> Apostleship	<input type="checkbox"/> Prophecy	<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism	<input type="checkbox"/> Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Tongues
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teaching	<input type="checkbox"/> Encouragement	<input type="checkbox"/> Discernment	<input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation
<input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/> Wisdom	<input type="checkbox"/> Assisting	<input type="checkbox"/> Miracles	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Giving	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/> Compassion	<input type="checkbox"/> Healing	<input type="text"/>

List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

- VBS Teacher
- Annual Conference Delegate for last 7 years
- Treasurer
- Sunday School Teacher

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

I see all appointments and positions served as a privilege and responsibility. I will always speak in truth, and endeavor to be in God's will.

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

The church is involved in a war. The Prince of this world is seeking to destroy it from within. As long as we allow ourselves to be set against each other and bicker over interpretation of the Holy Scriptures we will lose. Scripture is to be used as a guide to live by, not to be twisted to fit ones individual agenda.

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

I like to be involved in the organizational process. I serve on our local School Board. I represent that board on the Vo-Tech Joint Operating Committee. Being involved is our responsibility. Our Pastor has always encouraged us to be involved, and this year it just felt right. This is a huge commitment of time and energy and not taken lightly on my part.

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

- to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- to commit to attend **all** pre-conference delegation meetings
- to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL **and** ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

Eric Duda

Signature

11/21/2010

Date

GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to conference.secretary@wpaumc.org

Name _____ Joe Emigh _____ District/Church _____ Erie/Mead; Cochran UMC _____

Address _____ 636 Millcreek Rd _____ City _____ Utica _____ ZIP _____ 16362 _____

Email _____ joedonsara@windstream.net _____ Primary Phone _____ (724) 376-7439 _____



Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website) Scores from Gifts Survey

__2__ Apostleship	__8__ Prophecy	__7__ Evangelism	__8__ Faith	__0__ Tongues
__7__ Pastoring	__8__ Teaching	__6__ Encouragement	__6__ Discernment	__0__ Interpretation
__9__ Knowledge	__9__ Wisdom	__9__ Assisting	__7__ Miracles	____ Other _____
__8__ Giving	__7__ Leadership	__8__ Compassion	__3__ Healing	_____

List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

- General Conference- Delegate 2008
- Jurisdictional Delegate- 2004 & 2008, Jurisdictional Finance & Admin Committee 2004-2007;
- Annual Conference- 2009 Conference Evangelism Team;
- Local Church- Past Chairman Trustees, Past member of Administrative Council, Past Sunday School Teacher

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

- My experience at GC2008 will help me understand and participate in the legislative process.
- Lifetime membership in a local congregation has given me an appreciation for the importance of the local church. Here souls are saved and grow. Everything from General Conference should start from the perspective of the local church.

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

- The constant reexamining of homosexuality is draining our church of the spiritual, emotional and financial energy to do real ministry. I agree with our current stance that homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching.
- At GC2008 I was on the subcommittee dealing with abortion. As a supporter of sanctity of life, I helped strengthen our Discipline's sanctity of life statement. More work needs to be done.

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

- I feel God has worked through my life's circumstances to give me the gifts and graces necessary to represent you at GC2008.

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

- to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- to commit to attend **all** pre-conference delegation meetings
- to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL **and** ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

Joseph Emigh _____
Signature

_____ 12/21/10 _____
Date

GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to conference.secretary@wpaumc.org

Name Annie Fiffick District/Church Johnstown
 Address 2 Shady Lane City Johnstown ZIP 15905
 Email annieleebananie@hotmail.com Primary Phone 814-539-5231



Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website)

<input type="checkbox"/> Apostleship	<input type="checkbox"/> Prophecy	<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Tongues
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastoring	<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching	<input type="checkbox"/> Encouragement	<input type="checkbox"/> Discernment	<input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Knowledge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wisdom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assisting	<input type="checkbox"/> Miracles	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Giving	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/> Compassion	<input type="checkbox"/> Healing	<u>Missions</u>

List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

- president of youth group
- Johnstown District Youth President 2008
- youth delegate 2006-2010
- Youth Ministry Team 2010

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

my experience and spiritual gifts will enable me to serve as an effective delegate because my previous leadership responsibilities have let me learn from the past and to let me realize that with God everything is possible and to always put him in the center of my life.

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

One major issue facing the church is whether or not we as a body should allow the homosexual community into the church. Personally, I feel that we have no right to judge others on their lifestyle, and, as such, allow them into our lives. I will personally help the church by praying and fasting for an answer for this cause.

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

I feel called because I know God is strengthening my faith with him through this journey. I believe that he is seeing how far I will go in my faith to do his will with all of my power and strength.

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

- o to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- o to commit to attend all pre-conference delegation meetings
- o to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL and ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- o to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

Signature

Annie L Fiffick

Date

09/30/10

GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Name Faith W. Geer District/Church Pittsburgh/ St. Paul's, Allison ParkAddress 1406 Towne Square Dr. City Allison Park ZIP 15101Email fgeer@stpaulsumc.com Primary Phone 412-334-7615

Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website)

<input type="checkbox"/> Apostleship	<input type="checkbox"/> Prophecy	<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism	<input type="checkbox"/> Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Tongues
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teaching	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Encouragement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discernment	<input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation
<input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wisdom	<input type="checkbox"/> Assisting	<input type="checkbox"/> Miracles	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Giving	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/> Compassion	<input type="checkbox"/> Healing	_____



List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

- St. Paul's Administrative Director; manage staff, building, volunteers, communications
- Facilitator for workshops on church visions and strategic planning
- Member of Summer 2010 Nyadire Mission Trip with The Nyadire Connection
- Pittsburgh District Connectional Team
- 2004 - present Board of Ordained Ministry, Candidacy Registrar; Believe Again! Co-Chair Cabinet Team; Legislative Section Leader; Camping and Retreat Ministries Board; Sessions Team—created & developed childcare option; volunteer strategic planner for local churches in AC
- 2000 & 2004 NEJ member; 2008, reserve member
- 2004, GC alternate member

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

Able to discern and apply experiences at local church to denominational issues; Understand practical leadership skills; Familiar with visioning process & church revitalization; Can bridge gaps and encourage; Listen, discern and suggest creative solutions to issues

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issue and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

I have useful, practical experience in the following:

- Supporting Global health initiatives
- Leadership: train clergy in visioning & mentor skills
- Revitalizing local churches through partnerships in ministry
- Supporting local poverty issues
- Affirming all issues rooted in Wesleyan concern for a church for all people

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

I see tension of practical vs. ideal in daily needs of the church as we use our head, hands, and hearts to be the embodiment of Christ. I can use my experience with clergy and laypersons to make practical, useful contributions to legislation. My skills as a facilitator will be useful on the delegation team to build consensus and work creatively with all viewpoints.

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

- to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- to commit to attend **all** pre-conference delegation meetings
- to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL **and** ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

Signature Faith W. Geer

Date December 30, 2010



GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to conference.secretary@wpaumc.org

Name **Sharon Gregory**

District/Church **Pittsburgh : Warren**

Address **2133 Chalfant Street**

City **Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania** ZIP **15221**

Email **gregory2133@comcast.net** Primary Phone **412-727-1235**

Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website)

<input type="checkbox"/> Apostleship	<input type="checkbox"/> Prophecy	<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Tongues
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teaching	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Encouragement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discernment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interpretation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Knowledge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wisdom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assisting	<input type="checkbox"/> Miracles	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Giving	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leadership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compassion	<input type="checkbox"/> Healing	_____

- Lay Member to Annual Conference 2001-2007
- Local Unit Vice President UMW 2001-2004; SPPRC Chairperson 2010
- Pittsburgh District Director of Lay Speaking Ministries 2007-present
- District President UMW 2008- present
- Associate, Conference Lay Leader 2010-present
- Conference Personnel Committee 2006-present
- Conf. Secretary Ethnic Local Church Conference
- Conf. Committee on Investigation – 2007-present
- Jurisdictional Delegate/ WPA Delegation Committee on Nominations Chair – 2008
- NEJ Program and Arrangements Secretary – 2008
- NEJ Urban Ministries - 2008
- Black Methodists for Church Renewal Board Member – 2010
- NEJ Black Methodists for Church Renewal Secretary – 2011

List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

Serving an effective delegate, my God-Given gifts and leadership experience allows me to cross cultural boundaries to carry out God's work thru the mission of The Church, and by my day to day actions (office, home or social) to embrace all God's children no matter where they are on the road to discipleship.

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

One important issue facing the church is congregations resistant to change. As an effective delegate, I am committed and will work with The Church to bring resources to inform congregations, train existing leaders, develop new leaders and congregations.

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

Having served as a 1st time delegate, witnessing and learning how the "Good News" is communicated at this level of the Church, I believe have been called to continue my journey of serving as an effective delegate to help The Church to make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

- to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- to commit to attend **all** pre-conference delegation meetings
- to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL **and** ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

Signature **Sharon Gregory**

Date **30 December 2010**

GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to conference.secretary@wpaumc.org

Name Richard C. Hoffman District/Church Greensburg/Charter Oak UMCAddress 101 Pembroke Ct. City Greensburg ZIP 15601Email rhoffmans97@yahoo.com Primary Phone 724-837-3487

Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website)

<u>1</u> Apostleship	<u>9</u> Prophecy	<u>7</u> Evangelism	<u>5</u> Faith	<u>0</u> Tongues
<u>8</u> Pastoring	<u>9</u> Teaching	<u>4</u> Encouragement	<u>7</u> Discernment	<u>1</u> Interpretation
<u>5</u> Knowledge	<u>8</u> Wisdom	<u>3</u> Assisting	<u>3</u> Miracles	Other _____
<u>6</u> Giving	<u>7</u> Leadership	<u>7</u> Compassion	<u>7</u> Healing	

List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

- General Church – Delegate 2008
- Jurisdictional Church – Delegate 2008
- Annual Conference – Delegate 2005 – present, Conference Youth – Volunteer 2003 – Present
- Other – Clinical Director of Christian Counseling Associates of Western PA (Christian Counseling organization that operates in Westmoreland, Allegheny, Butler, Beaver, Lawrence, and Mercer County).
- Youth Ministry Leader- First UMC Greensburg 1999 – 2006
- Bible Study Teacher/Small Group Leader/Student Ministry- Volunteer Charter Oak UMC – 2006 to present

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

As a delegate, I will take every opportunity to uphold the authority of scripture, promote a biblical worldview, and advocate for scriptural holiness and accountability during the General Conference process.

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

Our mission as a church is to impact the culture and people everywhere in a Spirit led, compassionate manner that will make disciples of Jesus Christ. As a General Conference delegate, I will work to maintain accountability to this mission, as well as ensure that the faithful financial contributions of our members are being used for ministry that is consistent with our purpose.

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

I am passionate about the problems that face our families and our culture. I value the opportunity to shape church discipline and uphold scriptural authority. As a delegate, I pledge to participate in a manner that will glorify God, represent our people, uphold the truth of scripture, and honor the traditions of our church.

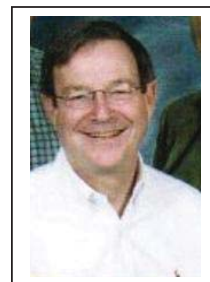
Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

- to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- to commit to attend **all** pre-conference delegation meetings
- to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL **and** ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

Signature _____

Date _____

GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to conference.secretary@wpaumc.orgName Robert G. Johnson District/Church Indiana/LakesideAddress 23 Treasure Lake City DuBois ZIP 15801Email kevinj01@verizon.net Primary Phone 814-590-6099

Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website)

<u>2</u> Apostleship	<u>6</u> Prophecy	<u>4</u> Evangelism	<u>7</u> Faith	<u>0</u> Tongues
<u>7</u> Pastoring	<u>6</u> Teaching	<u>8</u> Encouragement	<u>5</u> Discernment	<u>0</u> Interpretation
<u>7</u> Knowledge	<u>7</u> Wisdom	<u>5</u> Assisting	<u>9</u> Miracles	Other _____
<u>8</u> Giving	<u>9</u> Leadership	<u>8</u> Compassion	Healing	_____

List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

Served as Annual Conference Representative
 Lay Leader of Local Church
 Sunday School Teacher

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

I think my leadership skills in combination with encouragement gives me a unique perspective from which to serve as a delegate.

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

I think the church is not focused on Jesus Christ. Instead, we're dealing with issues that are not central to serving and saving.

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

My nomination by the Indiana District.

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

- to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- to commit to attend **all** pre-conference delegation meetings
- to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL **and** ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

Signature_____
Date

GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to conference.secretary@wpaumc.org

Name Luella K. Krieger District/Church Indiana/LakesideAddress P.O. Box 121 City Sykesville ZIP 15865Email luellakk@yahoo.com Primary Phone 814-590-1937

Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website)

<u>5</u> Apostleship	<u>5</u> Prophecy	<u>7</u> Evangelism	<u>8</u> Faith	<u>9</u> Tongues
<u>8</u> Pastoring	<u>6</u> Teaching	<u>8</u> Encouragement	<u>6</u> Discernment	<u>2</u> Interpretation
<u>7</u> Knowledge	<u>6</u> Wisdom	<u>5</u> Assisting	<u>6</u> Miracles	Other _____
<u>6</u> Giving	<u>4</u> Leadership	<u>7</u> Compassion	<u>5</u> Healing	_____

List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

General/Jurisdictional Conference
 District Lay Leader
 Annual Conference Floor Manager
 Denman Award

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

I will seek to understand the issues in light of God's word and how they contribute to furthering the making of disciples of Jesus.

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

The main issue facing the church is whether we will acknowledge and live out the Lordship of Jesus Christ in this world.

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

My nomination by the Indiana District affirmed by prayer.

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

- to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- to commit to attend **all** pre-conference delegation meetings
- to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL **and** ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

Signature_____
Date

GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to conference.secretary@wpaumc.orgName Courtney Kunselman District/Church Indiana/LakesideAddress 213 Treasure Lake City DuBois ZIP 15801Email courtunkunz@yahoo.com Primary Phone 814-771-2284

Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website)

<u>4</u> Apostleship	<u>7</u> Prophecy	<u>7</u> Evangelism	<u>7</u> Faith	<u>0</u> Tongues
<u>7</u> Pastoring	<u>6</u> Teaching	<u>6</u> Encouragement	<u>4</u> Discernment	<u>2</u> Interpretation
<u>7</u> Knowledge	<u>8</u> Wisdom	<u>4</u> Assisting	<u>5</u> Miracles	Other _____
<u>7</u> Giving	<u>4</u> Leadership	<u>7</u> Compassion	<u>7</u> Healing	_____

List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

- * Served as Vice President and Secretary of local youth group.
- * Member of Conference Youth Ministry Team and serve as chair of the Leadership Committee
- * Member of local church Youth/Adult Policy Council

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

I believe my spiritual gifts enable me to hear and see what God is doing and suggest how the church can join God's work.
 I believe my youth leadership experience will allow me to share a young person's perspective on the challenges facing the church.

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

- * The church needs to focus on spiritually forming disciples in image of Jesus through Prayer Centers, Upper Room Ministries and other spiritual formation opportunities.
- * The church needs to be mission oriented, focused on the healing and redemption of the least and the lost around the world.
- * The church needs to reach young people around the world for Jesus.

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

I have been nominated by the Conference Youth Ministry Team and I have prayed about this.

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

- o to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- o to commit to attend **all** pre-conference delegation meetings
- o to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL **and** ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- o to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

Signature _____

Date _____

GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to conference.secretary@wpaumc.org

Name Michele McMinn _____ District/Church_Kane _____

Address _____ 985 Long Level Rd _____ City _____ Ridgway, Pa _____ ZIP _____ 15853 _____

Email __mcmminmichele@yahoo.com _____ Primary Phone __814-594-7747 _____

Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website)

_____ Apostleship	_____ Prophecy	_____ Evangelism	___x___ Faith	_____ Tongues
_____ Pastoring	_____ x Teaching	_____ x Encouragement	_____ Discernment	_____ Interpretation
_____ Knowledge	_____ Wisdom	_____ Assisting	_____ Miracles	_____ Other _____
_____ Giving	_____ x Leadership	_____ Compassion	_____ Healing	_____

List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

- Advanced Layspeaker in the Kane District
- Conference Representative for Charge for 3 years
- Held Leadership positions in charge and church boards for 3 years

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

I will use my gifts given to pray for the conference, our delegates, the church, and our nation for guidance in good decision making. I will learn as much information in order to teach others and broaden my knowledge in the issues.

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues

and how you will help the church resolve those issues? I feel the sanctity of marriage is a big issue facing the church I feel teaching ,talking and praying for opportunities for learning will help . I also feel we need to do better to revitalize our church congregations and to help key leaders to do this. I can help from my work and travel going to different United Methodists churches and bringing home ideas for new ministries or what works or doesn't and continues prayer

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

I feel as a United Methodist it is time for me to serve more. I travel for work and visit many churches over time I meet a lot of people thru this opportunity. I enjoy learning from them and bringing ideas and greeting to my home area. As a church we can do better to help all of those in need and the conference is a place to start.

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

- to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- to commit to attend **all** pre-conference delegation meetings
- to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL **and** ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

Signature

Date

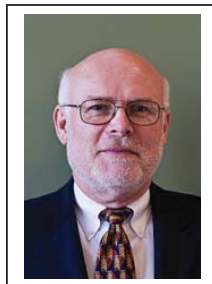
GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to conference.secretary@wpaumc.org

Name Tracy R. Merrick District/Church Pittsburgh: First UMC

Address 2443 Dogwood Drive City Wexford, Pa ZIP 15090

Email tracyrm@aol.com Primary Phone 724-934-9793



Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website)

<input type="checkbox"/> Apostleship	<input type="checkbox"/> Prophecy	<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Tongues
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastoring	<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching	<input type="checkbox"/> Encouragement	<input type="checkbox"/> Discernment	<input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation
<input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/> Wisdom	<input type="checkbox"/> Assisting	<input type="checkbox"/> Miracles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administration
<input type="checkbox"/> Giving	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/> Compassion	<input type="checkbox"/> Healing	

List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

General Church:

- General Conference delegate: 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000 (first alternate), 2004 (Financial Administration Committee, chair), 2008
- General Agencies: General Council on Finance and Administration (1992-2000), General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns (2004 – present), various task forces and standing committees of these agencies
- Denomination-wide task forces: Connectional Ministries Funding Patterns Task Force (Co-chair, 1996-2000), Denominational Health Task Force (Chair, 2004-2008)
- Global Health Initiative (Assistant to Chairperson Bishop Tom Bickerton, 2010–present)

Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference:

- Believe Again! Plan for Ministry (Director, 2006-2009)
- Conference Agencies (1981-present): Directional Oversight Team, Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, Conference Council (past chair), Council on Finance and Administration (past chair), Board of Pensions, Western PA Dialogue Team (past co-chair), various other committees, planning groups and task forces
- Lay Member of Annual Conference (1976, 1980-present)

Local Churches:

- Pittsburgh: First UMC (member, 1998 – present): Staff-Parish Relations (past chair), Leadership Council (past chair), Trustees (past chair), various other committees, discernment groups, and task forces
- Erie: First UMC (member, 1977-1998): Council on Ministries (past chair), Staff-Parish Relations (past chair), Strategic Planning Committee (past chair), various other committees and task forces

Methodist Federation for Social Action:

- National Board: Treasurer (2008 – present)
- WPA Chapter: past President

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

The above experiences have provided me with a broad-based understanding of the organization and operation of The UMC at all levels. The combination of spiritual gifts, leadership experience, and management background have enabled me to: see the big picture, imagine bold Spirit-led solutions, evaluate differing perspectives fairly, understand complex interrelationships, and serve as an agent of change.

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

My hope is to continue working for solutions to significant challenges:

- Discerning God's leading regarding future-oriented ministries to fulfill the mission of The UMC
- Discerning the most effective structures and leadership for the future
- Discovering how to become a world-wide church and a fully inclusive denomination
- Addressing dysfunction and divisiveness in The UMC

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

God has blessed me with the gifts and background to provide leadership and add value at General Conference. After prayerfully considering this nomination, I would be grateful for another opportunity to serve as a delegate.

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

Tracy R. Merrick

December 4, 2010

Signature

Date

GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to conference.secretary@wpaumc.orgName Diane M Miller District/Church Franklin/RocklandAddress 140 Boone's Way City Kennerdell ZIP 16374Email diane.miller@wpaumc.org Primary Phone 814-498-2308

Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website)

<input type="checkbox"/> Apostleship	<input type="checkbox"/> Prophecy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evangelism	<input type="checkbox"/> Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Tongues
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teaching	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Encouragement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discernment	<input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation
<input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/> Wisdom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assisting	<input type="checkbox"/> Miracles	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Giving	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leadership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compassion	<input type="checkbox"/> Healing	_____

List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

General

- Alternate Delegate, General Conference 2008
- Executive Secretary for Schools and Mission Studies for the Women's Division, UMC (2002-2003)
- Wrote the study guide for the India/Pakistan study for Schools of Christian Mission (2005)
- Study Leader at six Regional Schools of Mission
- Represented the North American Retreat Directors' Association at three Courses on Lay Leadership Training (World Council of Churches) – facilitated one international course in the US

Jurisdiction

- Partner Ministries Table member – 2009-present
- Delegate to NE Jurisdiction Conference – 2008

Conference

- WPA Conference Mission/VIM Coordinator – 2006-present
- Mission Ambassador – Latin America (1980/81), India/Pakistan (2005/07)
- School of Christian Mission: Dean (2006/07), Assistant Dean (2004/05)
- Mission Ambassador Committee Chair – multiple years

District

- UMW – Kane District Officer (1982-1992)

Local

- Retreat Leader, mission programs – at hundreds of local churches and at Olmsted Manor
- Officer Mt. Lebanon UMW, multiple years

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

My gifts and experience connect with mission and teaching – leading to evangelism – reaching out to the needy because I am called to respond to God's great gift, and enabling others to do the same. My experiences in ministry and mission have been both as a volunteer and working full time, first with the Women's Division, now with the WPA Conference as Mission/VIM Coordinator. My connections with United Methodists conference-wide enable me to inform, interpret, resource, and encourage others to say yes to God's call.

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

A great gap often exists between what we say we believe and what we do. I am called to challenge those inside the church to commit and invite people inside and outside the church to discern God's call and respond.

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

All my life God has been forming me. Learning and experience are never wasted. When God leads me to do this, how can I say no?

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

- to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- to commit to attend **all** pre-conference delegation meetings
- to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL **and** ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

Signature Diane M MillerDate 28 December 2010

Signature

Date

GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to conference.secretary@wpaumc.orgName Patricia A. Morris District/Church Butler/ College HillAddress 151 Crosswynds Drive City Beaver Falls ZIP 15010Email treasurer@wpaumc.org Primary Phone 724-776-9766

Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website)

<input type="checkbox"/> Apostleship	<input type="checkbox"/> Prophecy	<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism	<input type="checkbox"/> Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Tongues
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastoring	<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Encouragement	<input type="checkbox"/> Discernment	<input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation
<input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/> Wisdom	<input type="checkbox"/> Assisting	<input type="checkbox"/> Miracles	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Giving	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/> Compassion	<input type="checkbox"/> Healing	<input type="checkbox"/> Administration <input type="checkbox"/>

List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

General Conference Delegate- 92, 96, 2000, 2004, Chair of the Delegation to General Conference-1996, Member of General Council of Finance and Administration, served on General Commission on Religion and Race, General Council on Ministries and General Board of Discipleship Older Adult Committee. NEJ Board of Laity Chair, NEJ Episcopacy Committee, Conference Lay Leader, Chaired Conference Spiritual Leadership Team, Member of Conference Council on Finance and Administration, Board of Pensions, Extended Cabinet, Episcopacy Committee, Long Range Planning Committee, Directional Oversight Team. Member of the Board for The United Methodist Foundation and the Keystone United Methodist Federal Credit Union. Have served as local church treasurer, choir member, SS teacher, Youth Leader, Chair of Council, PPRC Chair, Mission Team, UMW President and Youth Leader.

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

My spiritual gift of leadership will enable me to grasp difficult topics and discuss them openly and honestly. As a leader in our annual conference for many years my primary focus becomes the view of those persons sitting in the pews each Sunday Morning. I am one of those persons and I believe that the church at all levels needs to hear what the laity has to say and what our vision is for this denomination.

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

Issues go beyond the 4 areas to the entire organization itself. Are we too top heavy at the general church level? Are our general agencies affective? Are we so put together that making a difference locally is not possible for a general agency? We look at the same issues every four years – it is time to make change – it is time to stop studying again and take action. Is their poverty – YES – do we need to study it again for 4 years – NO. Is there Racism – YES ! Is there lack of leadership development – YES! Is global health a problem - YES. I want us to move!!

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

I have a deep passion for the United Methodist Church. I believe speaking the truth in love is a gift I possess. I have an earnest desire to serve our church and this conference – I can do both at general conference.

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

- to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- to commit to attend **all** pre-conference delegation meetings
- to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL **and** ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

October 12, 2010

Signature

Date

GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to conference.secretary@wpaumc.orgName William A. Patrick (Bill) District/Church Johnstown/OaklandAddress 155 Leffler Drive City Johnstown, PA ZIP 15904Email patrickwa@hotmail.com Primary Phone (H) 814-266-4119: (O) 814-472-7700

Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website)

<u>0</u> Apostleship	<u>1</u> Prophecy	<u>3</u> Evangelism	<u>7</u> Faith	<u>0</u> Tongues
<u>3</u> Pastoring	<u>4</u> Teaching	<u>8</u> Encouragement	<u>1</u> Discernment	<u>0</u> Interpretation
<u>4</u> Knowledge	<u>5</u> Wisdom	<u>8</u> Assisting	<u>1</u> Miracles	Other _____
<u>6</u> Giving	<u>9</u> Leadership	<u>4</u> Compassion	<u>0</u> Healing	<u>8</u> Peacemaker _____

List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

- Served on various committees at Johnstown Oakland during the 30 years I've been a member.
- Chaired Church Council three (3) separate 3-year terms.
- Chaired Trustees.
- Future Building/Planning Committee member.
- Johnstown District Parsonage Trustee.
- Lay Delegate to Annual Conference (currently in second 3-year term).

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

To help resolve issues, I have the ability to collect the pertinent information necessary to help make informed decisions. To be an effective leader, I have the ability to delegate responsibility while being able to encourage and assist team members in accomplishing their duties. In contrast, I don't mind doing the legwork behind the scenes for the good of the cause. Foremost, I trust in God that His will shall be done in all situations without question.

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

Leadership development: Work with those called to lead within the local church and offer guidance for being an effective leader.

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

I take great pride in serving as delegate to AC and will likewise commit to fulfilling the required duties and responsibilities of this position to the best of my ability. I also feel the need to utilize the leadership gifts and skills the Lord has given to me on behalf of the Annual Conference.

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

- to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- to commit to attend **all** pre-conference delegation meetings
- to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL **and** ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

December 29, 2010

William A. Patrick

Signature

Date

GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to conference.secretary@wpaumc.org

Name Louise A. Patterson District/Church Washington/Central Highlands CommunityAddress 315 Lincoln Hall Road City Elizabeth, PA ZIP 15037Email lappat@verizon.net Primary Phone 412-751-6321

Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website)

<input type="checkbox"/> Apostleship	<input type="checkbox"/> Prophecy	<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Tongues
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teaching	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Encouragement	<input type="checkbox"/> Discernment	<input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation
<input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/> Wisdom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assisting	<input type="checkbox"/> Miracles	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Giving	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leadership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compassion	<input type="checkbox"/> Healing	

List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullet

Local Church: Lay Leader, Mission chair, Taught: Sunday School, Disciple I & II, Bethel Bible Series, Study on Spiritual Gifts**District:** District Lay Leader, Taught Lay Speaking Classes, Member of DCOM, Bible study on district level, Certified Lay Speaker**Conference:** BOM, Board of Laity, Laity Cabinet, CCN Chair, Conference realignment task force, Laity Study team, Certified Lay Minister

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

My gifts enable me to evaluate situations and problems with compassion, assurance of God's presence, and lead others in wise decision making.

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

The Holy Spirit has been working mightily in my life leading me on mission trips to Africa, the Navaho Indian Reservation, Mississippi, and West Virginia. I have witnessed joy in the midst of devastation and poverty; hope where there seems to be none. By financially helping all of our churches with the ability to become involved through hands on mission trips, the issues of poverty and global health will become real to our members..

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

God has led me to become a Certified Lay Minister and has equipped me to serve at the Conference level in various capacities. I believe God has been preparing me, by my voice and by my witness, to demonstrate the importance of the ministry of the laity in The United Methodist Church.

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

- o to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- o to commit to attend **all** pre-conference delegation meetings
- o to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL **and** ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- o to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

Signature

Date

GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to conference.secretary@wpaumc.org

Name Todd Reagan District/Church Otterbein UMC ConnellsvilleAddress 91 Wills Road City Connellsville ZIP 15425Email maynardtoearth@aol.com Primary Phone (724) 628-4957

Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website)

<input type="checkbox"/> Apostleship	<input type="checkbox"/> Prophecy	<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism	<input type="checkbox"/> Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 Tongues
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastoring	<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching	<input type="checkbox"/> 9 Encouragement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discernment	<input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation
<input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 Wisdom	<input type="checkbox"/> Assisting	<input type="checkbox"/> Miracles	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Giving	<input type="checkbox"/> 7 Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/> 7 Compassion	<input type="checkbox"/> 7 Healing	

The numbers indicate my level of gifting as a result of the Patricia Brown Spiritual Gifts testing.

List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

- Committed Christian and member of the UMC from a youth.
- I am the Lay Leader of my local church, and have served for years on nearly every church committee. In addition, I have served as worship leader, Sunday School Teacher, Youth Pastor, and Drama Director.
- I have also served on the boards of other Christian Ministries.

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

My leadership and discernment gifts, along with my good communication skills allow me to work effectively with all types of people, while maintaining focus on the issue at hand and how it aligns with Scripture.

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

- There is no issue we face that is more important than that of the authority of Scripture – is the Bible God's Word or not? I believe it is, and I believe the United Methodist Church must keep Scripture the foundation of all decisions and legislation.
- Equally important is the issue of the authority of Jesus Christ. Will the UMC continue to teach that there is no other name under heaven by which a man or woman is saved?

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

I have an understanding of the serious issues facing the UMC, and, with the Lord's guidance, I will be a delegate who represents the heart of the Western PA laity, and the heart of our Savior.

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

- o to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- o to commit to attend **all** pre-conference delegation meetings
- o to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL **and** ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- o to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

Signature

Date

12-30-2010

GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to conference.secretary@wpaumc.org

Name David Rembold District/Church Franklin/Calvary U.M.Church

Address 1178 Rockmere Road City Oil City, PA ZIP 16301

Email dsrembold@gmail.com Primary Phone 814/677-9181



Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website)

<input type="checkbox"/> Apostleship	<input type="checkbox"/> Prophecy	<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Tongues
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastoring	<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching	<input type="checkbox"/> Encouragement	<input type="checkbox"/> Discernment	<input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/> Wisdom	<input type="checkbox"/> Assisting	<input type="checkbox"/> Miracles	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Giving	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/> Compassion	<input type="checkbox"/> Healing	

List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

- * Board of Trustees
- * Pastor/Parish Relations
- * Youth Leader
- * Scout Leader

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

I have attended Calvary United Methodist Church in Oil City, PA since I was a child. I achieved Eagle Scout and God and Country awards. I have served on many boards at my church and was Youth Leader for a few years.

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

I am presently on the Social Concerns committee to bring social items of concern to our congregation and have mailed out petitions to 50 churches in Venango County to protect marriage between one man and one woman. I see the practice of homosexuality as sin and would defend our denomination's teaching on homosexuality as unacceptable behavior with Christian teaching.

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

I have a strong desire to represent the issues that are important to our congregation. As a delegate I would defend our Wesleyan historical doctrine. We need to go back to teaching biblical truth. I believe the Bible as God's word, the virgin birth of Jesus Christ as the son of God. Jesus died on the cross for our sins and Jesus' bodily resurrection at Easter.

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

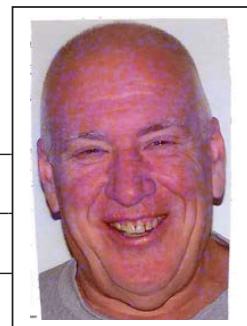
- ☐ to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- ☐ to commit to attend all pre-conference delegation meetings
- ☐ to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL and ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- ☐ to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

David P. Rembold
Signature

11-8-10
Date

GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to conference.secretary@wpaumc.org

Name Jim Smith District/Church Indiana/Grace (Punxsy)Address 141 Aspen Road City Punxsutawney, PA ZIP 15767Email jksmith26@comcast.net Primary Phone 814.938.0830

Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website)

<input type="checkbox"/> Apostleship	<input type="checkbox"/> Prophecy	<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism	<input type="checkbox"/> Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Tongues
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teaching	<input type="checkbox"/> Encouragement	<input type="checkbox"/> Discernment	<input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation
<input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/> Wisdom	<input type="checkbox"/> Assisting	<input type="checkbox"/> Miracles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Giving	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/> Compassion	<input type="checkbox"/> Healing	Mercy, Administration, Craftsmanship

List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

- Church Council
- Lay Leader Of Grace UMC (Punxsy)
- Certified Lay Speaker
- Certified Lay Minister (Marchand, Sportsburg, North Point, Porter charge)

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

My spiritual gifts have helped my to understand and to begin to address the main issue that I feel the UMC is facing today (Section II) which is the issue of the small, non-growing congregation. Because I have dedicated myself to serving four of these churches and to addressing that issue, I will be anxious to serve as a delegate so that I may network with others addressing this issue so that I might learn and be better prepared.

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

Given my location, the biggest issue that the church faces is the small, non-growing, mostly country churches. I serve, and shall continue to serve, four of these congregations. Unless the goal is to watch as these congregations wither and die, changes must be made. I have taken the "Partnership" courses and am prepared to begin working with these small congregations to, prayerfully, encourage and lead them to form more vibrant, larger, unified congregations.

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

The Lord has given me talents, gifts and a desire to serve His church. I feel that my service to my congregations and to the Annual Conference and the General and Jurisdictional Conferences so that I may be better prepared to spread His word and to do His work is, in a very small way, a way of giving back to Him who has so richly blessed me.

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

- o to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- o to commit to attend **all** pre-conference delegation meetings
- o to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL **and** ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- o to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

Signature available upon request

Signature

12/29/10

Date

GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to conference.secretary@wpaumc.org

Name Roseann V. Smith District/Church Washington/Central Highlands Community UMC

Address 1001 Whitehead Lane City North Huntingdon, PA ZIP 15642

Email bcnrsmith@msn.com Primary Phone 724-864-0575



Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website)

<input type="checkbox"/> Apostleship	<input type="checkbox"/> Prophecy	<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism	<input type="checkbox"/> Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Tongues
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastoring	<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching	<input type="checkbox"/> Encouragement	<input type="checkbox"/> Discernment	<input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation
<input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/> Wisdom	<input type="checkbox"/> Assisting	<input type="checkbox"/> Miracles	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Giving	<input type="checkbox"/> Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/> Compassion	<input type="checkbox"/> Healing	<input type="text"/>

List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

- Local – LMAC, Intercessor, Teacher, Missions, Finance Committee
- District – Lay Equalization
- Conference – Jumonville Board, Jumonville Subcommittees
- General – Prayer Delegate 2004 (Pittsburgh Prayer Room) and 2008 (Ft. Worth)

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

By using Deuteronomy 10:12-13 as my guide, I understand the Lord requires of me to fear Him, to walk in His ways, to love Him, and to serve Him with all my heart and with all my soul.

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

- 1) Deuteronomy 6.5, Matthew 22.37 Love the Lord my God, with all my heart, with all soul, with all my strength.
- 2) Leviticus 19.18, Romans 13.9 Love my neighbor as myself.
- 3) I Peter 4:10, Romans 12:1-8, I Corinthians 12:7-10, Ephesians 4:11-13 To honor my Lord by serving Him with the spiritual gifts He created in me.
- 4) Ezra 9:6, Daniel 9:7-8 Grieve over sinfulness.

Resolution for these issues: Romans 12:1-2 Strive for holiness and be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of my mind.

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

I am trying to be obedient to the Lord's calling.

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

- o to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- o to commit to attend **all** pre-conference delegation meetings
- o to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL **and** ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- o to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

Signature

Date

GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to conference.secretary@wpaumc.org

Name Vicki J Stahlman _____ District/Church Indiana/Brookville Evangelical

Address 223 Central Ave Ext _____ City Brookville _____ ZIP 15825 _____

Email vjstahlman@yahoo.com _____ Primary Phone 814-590-3115 _____



Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website) Scores from Patricia Browns Spirit Gifts Survey

__3__ Apostleship	__1__ Prophecy	__9__ Evangelism	__4__ Faith	__9__ Tongues
__6__ Pastoring	__9__ Teaching	__9__ Encouragement	__5__ Discernment	__1__ Interpretation
__6__ Knowledge	__4__ Wisdom	__4__ Assisting	__3__ Miracles	____ Other _____
__9__ Giving	__7__ Leadership	__4__ Compassion	__4__ Healing	_____

List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

*Local: Adult Sunday school teacher 1993-present, Music Director 1995-2008, UMW President 1984-1989, Samaritans Purse Coordinator 2006-present, Co-chair Missions Committee 2005-present

*District: Certified Lay Speaker 1993-present, District Trustee 2009-present

*Conference: Annual Conference Sessions Staff-Housing & Registration 2006-present, NCD Coach

*Missions: 3 VIM trips to Paraguay, 1 trip to Nikiski Alaska, numerous local missions projects

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

God has placed within me a Passion for Scriptural Holiness and has given me the gifts and graces to study, teach and lead others with enthusiasm.

The gifts of Evangelism, Giving and Encouragement will help me stay focused on the main issues of making Disciples for Jesus Christ while encouraging Others to do the same.

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

- * The church must continue to follow the mandate of the scriptures and resist pressure to conform to the world and the present culture. The church must continue to seek and develop Christian leadership that is Spiritually gifted.
- * The church must be held accountable to financial soundness and its call to give.
- * Missions both Domestic and overseas is an area the church cannot overlook in its calling to evangelize and make disciples for Jesus Christ.

Section III: Why do you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

My nomination from Indiana District Conference. Affirmation in prayer. Conformation from brothers and sisters in Christ.

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

- o to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- o to commit to attend **all** pre-conference delegation meetings
- o to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL **and** ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- o to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

Signature_____
Date



GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to conference.secretary@wpaumc.org

Name: Rebekah Swineford

District/Church: Pittsburgh/Bakerstown

Address: 4112 Lee Road City: Gibsonia ZIP: 15044

Email: jesusfreak0807@yahoo.com

Primary Phone: 859 699 3715

Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website)

<input type="checkbox"/> Apostleship	<input type="checkbox"/> Prophecy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evangelism	<input type="checkbox"/> Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Tongues
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teaching	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Encouragement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discernment	<input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/> Wisdom	<input type="checkbox"/> Assisting	<input type="checkbox"/> Miracles	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Giving	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leadership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compassion	<input type="checkbox"/> Healing	_____

List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

Local (First UMC: Bradford): Youth President, 2006-2008

Youth Rep to Church Council, 2006-07

Conference: Youth Ministry Team: Connectional Chair, 2005-06; Chaplain, 2006-07; President, 2007-08

Connectional Network: Youth Representative, 2007-08

AC Youth Caucus: Page Captain, 2006; 2007

Lay Delegate to AC, 2008; 2010; 2011

Legislative Section Leader, 2008; 2010; 2011

Conference Mission Intern to Nicaragua, 2008.

Latin American Encounter with Christ: Nicaragua, 2010-11

Jurisdictional: Mission of Peace 2007

Lay Delegate to NEJ Conference, 2008

General: GBGM Summer Mission Intern, 2009

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (**Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3**).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

As a young person who has held positions of leadership and had influence in a Church whose average member's age is over 60, my serving as a delegate would provide needed perspective from a young person. The Spiritual gifts with which God has equipped me allow me to be an encouraging, informed, and understanding member of our delegation.

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

The biggest problem facing our church is a lack of commitment to the first part of our mission: making faithful disciples. We are ready to transform the world, but how many of us are making dedicated efforts to disciple others in the ways of our Savior? How many of our churches here in the US are growing? In order to realize our four areas of focus, we must first be discipling, lest there be no more disciples to realize the transformation of this world.

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

The UM Church is not perfect, but it succeeded in raising me to be a disciple of Christ with a passionate desire to positively impact a suffering, dying world. I feel called to be a delegate because I believe my contribution to our delegation and to the General Assembly is a vital way in which I can use my gifts to serve God and to influence our Church as it moves forward in its mission.

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

- o to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- o to commit to attend **all** pre-conference delegation meetings
- o to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL **and** ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- o to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

Rebekah Swineford
Signature

12.28.2010

Date

GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to
conference.secretary@wpaumc.org

Name Roger Thomas District/Church Sewickley UMC

Address 1143 Carlson City Ambridge, PA ZIP 15003

Email thomasrnr@hotmail.com Primary Phone 724-266-1875



Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website)

<input type="checkbox"/> Apostleship	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prophecy	<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism	<input type="checkbox"/> Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Tongues
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastoring	<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching	<input type="checkbox"/> Encouragement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discernment	<input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation
<input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wisdom	<input type="checkbox"/> Assisting	<input type="checkbox"/> Miracles	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Giving	<input type="checkbox"/> Leadership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compassion	<input type="checkbox"/> Healing	<input type="text"/>

List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

- Lay Leader of 300-member Congregation for 8 years.
- Licensed Local Pastor 1997-8
- Secretary of the Witness Team of the Western PA Conference for 8 years. Have offered legislation and testimony to the Pennsylvania General Assembly and the Joint State Governmental Commission in this capacity. Primary author of WPA Conference Position Paper Death in Pennsylvania.
- Appointed Co-chair of the Governor's Committee for the Analysis and Reform of Our Criminal System.
- Served as Annual Conferences delegate in Wyoming 1983-5, Hungary 1994-5 and Western Pennsylvania 1997-2011.

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

I have worked in the system for years, and understand its dynamics. The system works when given the chance- if only at glacial speed. My evaluations consistently comment about "discernment" through a broad view and long vision.

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

The Great Commission tells us to care for the imprisoned, and our Four Areas of Focus lifts up ministry with the poor. Our crime rate reflects 1) the collapse of the American family and 2) poverty. Then add racism, drugs, politics, and profit. Children join gangs simply for the affirmation they should be getting at home. It is a short step from there to drugs and violence. The church should accommodate programs for victims and for offenders' families. We can be affirmative in breaking the cycle of violence and abuse.

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

God has used my life to work in racism and prison ministries. These experiences have led toward this next logical step.

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

- o to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- o to commit to attend **all** pre-conference delegation meetings
- o to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL **and** ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- o to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

Signature

Date

GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to conference.secretary@wpaumc.org

Name Peggy Ward District/Church Pittsburgh, Greenstone

Address 177 Neville Street City Pittsburgh ZIP 15202

Email pdward11@yahoo.com Primary Phone 412-761-7603

Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X_ Apostleship	<input type="checkbox"/> Prophecy	<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism	<input type="checkbox"/> Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Tongues
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastoring	<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching	<input type="checkbox"/> Encouragement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X_ Discernment	<input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation
<input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X_ Wisdom	<input type="checkbox"/> Assisting	<input type="checkbox"/> Miracles	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Giving	<input type="checkbox"/> Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/> Compassion	<input type="checkbox"/> Healing	

List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

<u>Local</u>	<u>District</u>	-Registrar, Cooperative School of Christian Mission (CSCM)	-Chairperson, Commission on Status and Role of Women
-lay delegate	-UMW President, VP, Secretary	-Mission Ambassador to Mexico	<u>Jurisdiction</u>
-lay speaker	-District Coordinating team, member	-Study Leader, CSCM	-Jurisdictional Delegate
-SPPRC chairperson		-Board of Ordained Ministry	-Jurisdictional Alternate Delegate
-UMW President, secretary	<u>Conference</u>	-Believe Again- Implementation Team	-NEJ Leadership Team UMW, chairperson of
-adult study and jr. church leader	-Bishop's initiative on Racial Inclusion	-Believe Again- Racial Inclusion Team	Committee on Nominations
-Children's coordinator	-Commission on Religion and Race	-Ethnic Local Church Concerns	
		-Dismantling Racism Team	

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

Vision, positive outlook balanced by current realities, varied experience and gifts allow me to work with diverse backgrounds and viewpoints, perform necessary tasks, discern and follow the leading of the Spirit. (31)

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

I confess that I have not loved my neighbor as myself- most of our issues, as individuals and the church, stem from this. This awareness will be my guide as I seek God resolutions to issues. (36)

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

God is not through with me yet. God calls me to walk in the desert- to be one among many, to plant where little seems to grow. This brings me close to God, the 'Well' where I receive living water to continue the journey. Along the way there are oases- people, places, work that provide nurture and Hope and signs of Fruitfulness. God has taught me that my response is faithfulness and trust. The nominations process is part of this journey. (81)

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

- ☐ to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- ☐ to commit to attend **all** pre-conference delegation meetings
- ☐ to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL **and** ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- ☐ to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

Peggy D. Ward
Signature

December 31, 2010
Date

GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to conference.secretary@wpaumc.org

Name Deborah J Webb District/Church _____Address 588 Oakwood St City Pgh State PA ZIP 15208Email _____ Primary Phone 412-243-8449

Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website)

<input type="checkbox"/> Apostleship	<input type="checkbox"/> Prophecy	<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tongues
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastoring	<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Encouragement	<input type="checkbox"/> Discernment	<input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation
<input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/> Wisdom	<input type="checkbox"/> Assisting	<input type="checkbox"/> Miracles	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Giving	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leadership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compassion	<input type="checkbox"/> Healing	

List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

Local - Lay Leader; UMW - Spiritual growth, Sunday School teacher, AMCE
District - Lay Leader; UMW - Spiritual Growth
Conference - Delegate, served on Conference Council, UMW - Nominations, Mission Ambassador
Jurisdictional - Delegate, 2004

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

My spiritual gifts + leadership will enable me to listen objectively to all sides of issues discussed and arrive prayerfully at conclusions which are reflective of God's leading.

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

New ~~plant~~ plants + renewing congregations is an area of interest for me. I belonged to a congregation that needed help. We did get some help but not what we needed. I am also interested in the poor both here + abroad. I would first ask what way they want us to help, then do it.

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

I feel called to have my name placed in nomination, ~~but~~ because of my commitment to serve God, wherever + whenever He leads me.

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

- ☐ to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- ☐ to commit to attend all pre-conference delegation meetings
- ☐ to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL and ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- ☐ to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

Signature

Deborah J Webb

Date

10/19/10

GC2012 Nominee Information Sheet WPA United Methodist Church

Use 10 point type font to keep document to one page. Email completed form to
conference.secretary@wpaumc.org



Name Tina Whitehead District/Church Greensburg/Oakmont

Address 507 California Ave City Oakmont ZIP 15139

Email tinawhitehead2@hotmail.com Primary Phone 412 828 3334

Check the Spiritual gifts God has given to you: (definitions on website)

<input type="checkbox"/> Apostleship	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prophecy	<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism	<input type="checkbox"/> Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Tongues
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teaching	<input type="checkbox"/> Encouragement	<input type="checkbox"/> Discernment	<input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation
<input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/> Wisdom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assisting	<input type="checkbox"/> Miracles	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Giving	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leadership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compassion	<input type="checkbox"/> Healing	_____

List Leadership Experience in the church (Local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional & General) (recommend using bullets)

Local Church: Member of UMC in WPA since 1977. Chair of Council, Evangelism, PPR, Adult Education teacher, Outreach programs including initiating a pre-school, coordinating community VBS programs and afterschool programs

Conference: Member of Operation Sunday School staff; helpshops/workshops/retreats in spiritual formation; teacher at Lay Speakers School, Laity Academy and School of Missions; Conference Missionary to Israel/Palestine

Jurisdictional – lay delegate to NE Jurisdictional Conference in 2004

General – lay delegate to General Conference 2008; spoke at General Conference in Pittsburgh re: Israel/Palestine

Have also worked as a local church secretary (14 years) and administrative assistance to 3 District Superintendents (East Pittsburgh and Connellsville)

The answers to the following three questions are limited to combined total of 150 words (Conference Rule 2.3.10.2.3).

Section I: How will your Spiritual gifts and leadership experience enable you to serve as an effective delegate?

These past 4 years working with the Christian community in Palestine has given me a broader understanding of the Church in the world. This combined with my background in spiritual formation and my involvement in the local church has given me an appreciation for Wesley's concept of ministry based on acts of piety and mercy, which is foundational to my serving as an effective delegate.

Section II: Identify issues facing the church (for example the Four Areas of Focus). Include your views on the issues and how you will help the church resolve those issues?

I see the Church as desperately needed to take prophetic leadership in matters of injustice around the world. The world needs courageous leadership that will take risks to follow Jesus in transforming systems that keep people impoverished and without hope.

Section III: Why you feel called to place your name in nomination to be a delegate?

Being a delegate at the 2008 GC was a learning experience. I would like to build on that experience and feel that this time I would be more equipped to represent WPA and to make more informed decisions as to the direction of the Church.

Section IV: By signing below, if elected, you agree to the following Covenant:

- o to read and follow the WPA Delegate Guidelines as periodically revised and posted on the conference website
- o to commit to attend **all** pre-conference delegation meetings
- o to adhere to the rigorous schedule by participating in the entire session of the 2012 General Conference on April 24-May 4, 2012 in Tampa, FL **and** ("or" if elected only) to the entire session of Jurisdictional Conference on July 16-20, 2012 in Charleston, WV
- o to return to the Conference and share information in follow-up activities as needed

Tina Whitehead
Signature

October 6, 2010
Date