

Statement of Availability for Election as a Lay Delegate to
2016 General or Jurisdictional Conferences
Representing the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference

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Local Church Membership: FUMC – Grand Junction

Gender: Female [I am not a young person]

Ethnicity: Caucasian and Native American descent

Profession: Retired educator

Check all those statements that describe your willingness to serve:

I am willing to serve as a voting delegate to BOTH General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

I am willing to serve as a reserve delegate to General and a voting delegate to Jurisdictional Conference

I am willing to serve as a reserve delegate to Jurisdictional Conference [I prefer to serve as a voting delegate to Jurisdictional Conference.]

Service in the United Methodist Church: Connectional level: I serve on the national Program Advisory Group of United Methodist Women, Board of Directors for McCurdy Ministries, Board of Directors of Four Corners Native American Ministry. Conference: Committee on Lay Servant Ministries [Director of Western Colorado], Commission on Religion and Race, Committee on Native American Ministries, and UMW leadership team. I am a study leader for Mission u teaching Giving Our Hearts Away [Native American study], Roma [geographic], The Church and People with Disabilities, and Created for Happiness: Understanding Your Life in God. Past service: Texas Conference Director of Native American Ministries and Florida Conference Director of Lay Speaking/Servant Ministries. Active in the local Emmaus community, having served as Lay Director in Florida Crown Emmaus in 2000. Will finish Two-year Academy of Spiritual Formation #36 in April 2016. Served as jurisdictional delegate in 2000 [Florida Conference].

Three major issues facing the United Methodist Church in the next four years.

1. It is said by some that the United Methodist Church will have to divide in order for either side to survive. It is my considered belief that we, as a Church, can agree to disagree. There are many needs and we as Christian United Methodists can meet them if we stay together as a body.
2. Institutional racism is insidious – and most of us are not aware of its depths in our denomination. We want to be fair and to understand, but unless we truly commit

to acts of repentance and be in ministry with Native Americans and other indigenous peoples, we will miss our mark of mission and ministry.

3. The Church must renew itself in spirituality and get beyond politics and power plays which will return us to Wesleyan theology. It is my belief that if we ALL renew ourselves in the spirit of Christ, all the other things will come in alignment, e.g., missions and ministries.

I hereby certify that: (1) I have been a member of the UMC for at least the last two years,; (2) I have been an active participant in the UMC for at least the last four years; (3) I have acquainted myself with the important and time-consuming responsibilities of the position(s) for which I expressed a willingness to serve; and (4) I commit myself to fulfilling those responsibilities if elected.

Signature Glenna Kyker Brayton

Date 3/23/2015